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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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Phone No.: (213) 974-3619

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SUBJECT:

Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt

Message:

62A-HQ-1073771-26

file

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1-ENCLOSURE

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## San Francisco Division

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Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

From: SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Subject: ELMER PRATT

*orig of document received from  
 San Berkeley's Staff on 2/15/95*

Special Handling Instructions: Hand carry to

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**ENCLOSURE**Originator's Name: PLSTelephone: FTS (415) 553-~~2624~~(415) 553-~~1677~~ 7405Originator's Facsimile Number: (415) 553-~~2624~~

SF 3117 Re \_\_\_\_\_

*Date Installed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date discontinued \_\_\_\_\_*

SF file 100-34639  
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: DIVISION FIVE)

FROM

~~SAC, SAN FRANCISCO~~JUNE

SUBJECT ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF  
MATERIAL RECEIVED THROUGH  
TESURS AND MISURS,  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

As the Bureau is aware, the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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The San Francisco Office, with the Bureau's authorization and instruction, installed a tesur, SF 3117-S\*, on [REDACTED] and on 2/26/69 installed a tesur, SF 2215-P\*, covering [REDACTED]

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The June procedures in the past, in the handling of the material received through tesurs and misurs, have been as follows:

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With the inception of the installation of SF 3117-S\*, per Bureau instructions at the Department's request, all conversations from this installation were transcribed to the log verbatim and are still so done. This installation is on an espionage matter and, while it was not so stated, it is believed the reasoning behind this was for legal purposes at some future date.

With the activation of SF 3215-R\*, no instructions have been issued by the Bureau and, from the activity monitored from this installation to date, this office does not recommend the same verbatim procedure, due to the fact that some conversations are personal in nature and have little or no bearing on intelligence concerning the investigation of this case.

As can be readily seen, this is an impossibility for one employee to handle and transcribe this volume of calls.

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We have two alternatives to handle this situation, and there is every reason to believe that this problem will increase with the feeling that there will be more installations in the immediate future. Alternative #1 would be to add additional employees to this installation and follow the same procedures as set out above. Alternative #2 would be for the employee taking the call to monitor same, where time permits; make notes when possible, and thereafter turn the tapes over to a stenographer and have the stenographer transcribe the conversation and prepare the log. The latter is not recommended by this office, inasmuch as we have been advised by the Bureau that both of these installations are legal installations, and there exists a strong possibility in the future that these logs will be used as evidence. There definitely is a question as to the legality of the log, if the employee receives the call and the tape is transcribed and thereafter typed by a stenographer or some other person.

The above is submitted for a review and evaluation by the Bureau. The San Francisco Office will continue to operate this installation under June procedures that have been used over the years, and the Bureau is requested to advise whether this procedure should be continued.

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Rm 5096 X 4192From: SF

(Name of Office)

Subject: Elmer Prattb6  
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Telephone: X 7401

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Memorandum

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To : FBI HEADQUARTERS.

Date 3/21/96

From : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-HQ-1073771)

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Subject: ELMER PRATT, aka  
Geronimo:

Re Butelcall to San Francisco 2/9/96, and Butel to SF

In response to referenced teletype, a detailed, in depth review of

been completed, and the following has been determined.

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1. There is no indication in either file that

2. There is no documentation in either file that the FBI had actual knowledge of, or was aware of the nature of either of the two OPD sources.

3. The documentation in both files which forms the basis of FBI payments, consists of a summary of information furnished for the payment time frame. No reason was given for the amounts paid to the sources other than incurred expenses. There was no indication that the money was going to anyone other than the named sources.

4. A detailed, page by page review of the revealed no reference to Pratt or any of his known aliases. The only reference to the name was found in of which HQ is already aware, as stated in Butel dated

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5. A detailed, page by page review of 100-34639 and related technical surveillance logs for 1968 located no references to PRATT or his known aliases. The a Communist Party member who was attempting to for the benefit

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of the Chinese Communists. No indication was located that [redacted] in 1968 was even aware of PRATT's existence. While [redacted] mentions the Black Panthers as a group numerous times as possible revolutionaries, by December 1968, he advised informants [redacted] "that the Revolutionary Union has no blacks in it because it was not desired to confront the blacks (Black Panther Party) with a rival group (Revolutionary Union)."

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/29/1996

To: OGC, [REDACTED]

Attn: Civil Litigation Unit II  
Unit Chief [REDACTED]

Room 7927

From: [REDACTED]

Unit Chief, IT/GRCIL VCMOS

Contact: [REDACTED]

ext. 4192

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] as

Case ID #: 62A-HQ-1073771 (PENDING)

Title: ELMER PRATT, AKA; INQUIRY OF GIL GARCETTI,  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY; OO: FBIHQ

Synopsis: To provide the Office of General Counsel (OGC), Civil Litigation Unit (CLU) II, with a copy of clean FBI documents relating to FBI documents identified in the exhibits of Pratt's petition. The petition's three volumes of exhibits were reviewed and those documents which were identified as being sourced to the FBI have been collected in their unexcised form.

Reference: Electronic Communication from Section Chief Robert S. Conforti to [REDACTED] Office of General Counsel, dated [REDACTED] Letter from [REDACTED] Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (LADAO), to [REDACTED] OGC, dated [REDACTED]

Enclosures: Enclosed for the information of the CLU II is one copy of work papers and unexcised FBI documents relating to the exhibits in Pratt's writ, In re Elmer G. Pratt, dated 1/2/96.

Details: Unit Chief [REDACTED] coordinated a review of the Pratt petition with [REDACTED] CLU II. UC [REDACTED] reviewed the exhibits in the petition and identified those documents which were sourced to the FBI. Thereafter, clean copies of the FBI documents were located and correlated with the excised FBI documents in the exhibits. A copy of the work papers relating to this review and the collected clean FBI documents are being forwarded to the attention of [REDACTED] by this communication.

(06/01/1995)

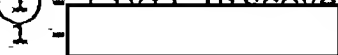
## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

A copy of this EC is also being forwarded to the Civil Discovery Unit for any coordination necessary in this matter.

Enclosure

CC: ✓ 1 - Civil Litigation Unit [enc.-1]

① - Civil Discovery Unit



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
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ROBERT P. HEFLIN • Director

April 3, 1996

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Assistant General Counsel  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building, Room 7927  
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Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dea [redacted]

RE: *In re Pratt*, Case No. A267020

We have gathered and placed Bates stamp numbers on the back of all of the correspondence and documents received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation during our review of the *Pratt* case. These documents are being forwarded along with this letter and contain 470 pages of text. In order to anticipate any possibility that any of these pages might become relevant to the litigation, we are requesting that clearance be obtained for disclosing all 470 pages in camera to the court before which this matter may be litigated.

We have also identified documents contained in the exhibits to Pratt's Petition For Writ Of Habeas Corpus which are also in the 470 pages of documents supplied to this office by the F.B.I. We have placed the appropriate Bates stamp number on the back of the appropriate exhibit page. For your convenience, we have also included a list of the documents received from the F.B.I. which are not found in the exhibits to Pratt's petition, and which are identified by Bates stamp number.

In addition to the enclosed documents, we request that you obtain the file on [redacted] from the Los Angeles F.B.I. Office, for inclusion in the documents which should be presented to a California court for in camera inspection. It is our understanding that the Los Angeles file on [redacted] is more complete than the documents concerning [redacted] which [redacted] viewed in Washington, D.C. Lastly, with regard to the in camera hearing, we request that whatever documentation is necessary to establish that (a) the electronic surveillance bearing the number SF


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3117 R\* was not a surveillance of the Black Panther Party headquarters in Oakland and (b) does not contain a reference to Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt for 12/18/68, be made available for in camera review.

As we discussed over the telephone on Friday, March 29, 1996, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County has set April 17, 1996, for a hearing on the question of whether the Supreme Court of California has exclusive jurisdiction over Pratt's petition. The Superior Court judge indicated in his minute order that he believes that only the Supreme Court does have jurisdiction. However, if the defense somehow manages to disabuse him of this conclusion, the Superior Court judge stated that the return to Pratt's petition would be due no later than 30 days from April 17, 1996. We therefore request that a determination be made by May 3, 1996, as to whether the documents described above can be shown in camera to a court.

We will let you know on April 17, 1996, whether that court will be the superior court or the Supreme Court. The latter court could appoint a current or retired judge to hear the matter on behalf of the Court and then make recommendations to the Court. We would, however, anticipate asking that the Supreme Court itself review the documents in camera pursuant to whatever procedures are necessitated by the F.B.I. As we have previously mentioned to you, this process was used in both the California Court of Appeal and before the federal magistrate when the *Pratt* case was pending in those jurisdictions.

Please note that some of the documents which are in the exhibits to the petition were previously sent to this office in a less redacted form than the same documents in the exhibits. We are also enclosing a list which has the more redacted exhibits starred. We are concerned that a lengthy delay in turning over copies of the less redacted documents to the attorneys for Mr. Pratt will be viewed as obfuscating the record. In order to avert such claims, we would like to turn over copies of these documents as soon as possible, perhaps as early as the hearing which is presently scheduled for April 17, 1996. It would be helpful if you could provide an official explanation of why the copies that were sent to us are less redacted than the copies which are contained in the exhibits to Mr. Pratt's petition.

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Finally, declarations will be necessary from a number of current or retired F.B.I. agents including the following: [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] We will prepare declarations for the signatures of the above persons which will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. This is not an exclusive list of agents whose declarations might be required, however. For example, as of today, reviews of records and documents have been conducted by F.B.I. personnel in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Pocatello, Idaho, whose identities are unknown to us.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continuing cooperation.

Very truly yours,

GIL GARCETTI  
District Attorney of  
Los Angeles County

[redacted]  
Deputy District Attorney  
Appellate Division

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enclosures

DOCUMENTS APPEARING IN 11/3/94 CORRESPONDENCE NOT IN CURRENT WRIT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Stamp #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		(Letter to [redacted] from R. Scruggs with enclosures - 11/3/94)
2-12		(Memorandum to R. Scruggs, from R. Conforti, re: LADA inquiry - 10/20/94)
13		<u>FBI files relating to Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt - EXCISED COPY</u>
16-20		(Handwritten letter "Hey Baby" from Pratt - 5 pgs.)
21		(To Director, from Pratt Task Force, 1 pg. - 5/21/80)
22-23		(TELETYPE to Dir., from L.A., "CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION")
24-25		(Memo to [redacted] re: Administrative Inquiry - [redacted])
27-28		(AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. re: New York airtel to L.A. - 9/23/70)
30		(Memo to SAC, L.A., from [redacted] - 10/20/69 - (completely redacted))
32		(Memo to SAC, L.A., from [redacted], "On [redacted] captioned individual telephonically - 2/3/70)
34		(Memo to SAC, L.A., from [redacted], "An attempt was made to contact captioned" - 2/26/70)
36		(SAC, S.F., from SA [redacted] - 12/19/68)
37		(To SAC, S.F., from SA [redacted] - 12/20/68)
38		(To SAC, S.F., from SA [redacted] "BOBBY SEALE" - 12/20/68)
39		(To SAC, S.F., from SA [redacted] "KATHLEEN CLEAVER" 12/20/68)
40		(To SAC, S.F., from SA [redacted] "JOHN SEALE" - 12/20/68)
44		(To SAC, S.F., from SA [redacted] "East Oakland Office" - 12/20/68)
59-60		(AIRTEL to Dir., FBI, from SAC, S.F., re: S.F. airtels to FBIHQ - 3/2/94)
61		("Investigative Period - 6/5/70 - 4/5/71", 4/29/71)
63		[redacted] 157-3436 - instant report")
64		("Investigative Period - 8/17/70 - 10/8/71" - 10/20/71 "Report of SA [redacted]
65		([redacted] advised that the second person involved", p.11)
66		("Relating the facts about the Santa Monica tennis court murder", p.18)
67		("[redacted] in December, 1968, ELMER PRATT and [redacted] went out on a BPP mission", p.37)
68		("Immediately after the Santa Monica shooting incident above described". p.38)
69		(Memo to SAC, L.A., from [redacted] "the following information pertaining to" - 7/7/71)
70		("Relating the facts about the Santa Monica tennis court murder", p.5)
72		(Memo to SAC, L.A., "Captioned informant [redacted] contacted the writer" - 3/2/70)
73-74		(Memo to Mr. Revell, from [redacted] re: Task Force Inquiry, pgs. 1,10 - 12/11/80)
75-77		(Letter to [redacted] 3 pgs - 11/31/80)
83		[redacted]
87-88		(AIRTEL, to SAC, S.F. (Personal Attention), from Dir., FBI "BUDED: 2/18/94" - 2/7/94)
89-90		(AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI from SAC, S.F. re: S.F. airtels to FBIHQ - 6/7/94)
94		(Letter to Agents [redacted] 4 pgs. - 6/3/94)
104		(Letter to [redacted] Clerk, from [redacted] re: <u>Dellinger v. Mitchell</u> - 3/27/75)
109		(Letter to [redacted] from [redacted] re: <u>Dellinger v. Mitchell</u> - 9/15/75)
110-11		(AIRTEL to Dir., FBI, from SAC, S.F., re: S.F. airtel to FBIHQ dated 2/16/94 - 2/22/94)
112-13		(AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A., "Reference 3/25/94 telcall" - 3/28/94)
114-15		(Memo to SAC, L.A., from SA [redacted] "furnished the long distance" - 6/9/69)
116-20		(To SACS, S.F., Attn: PLA [redacted] from Dir., FBI - 9/16/80)
121		(To SAC, L.A., from SAC, S.F., "JOHN JEROME HUGGINS, JR." - 1/9/69)

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122 (Letter to [redacted] from R. Conforti with enclosures - 12/9/94)  
123-24 (Letter to R. Scruggs, from [redacted] 2/16/05)  
125 (Request from R. Scruggs [redacted] - EXCISED COPY  
126 (Cover Sheet for Informant Report, date prepared - 6/30/72)  
128 (Cover Sheet for Informant Report, date prepared - 3/23/72)  
130 (Cover Sheet for Informant Report, date prepared - 10/15/71)  
131 (Handwritten paragraph [redacted] is now living at [redacted])  
132-35 (AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. re: Bureau airtel to Dallas, 4 pgs. - 1/29/71)  
136 (Letter to SAC Mr. Grapp, [redacted] LAPD - 9/30/70)  
138 (Memo to SAC, L.A., from Supervisor [redacted] - 9/30/70)  
140-43 ("Investigative Period 5/27/69 - 4/16/70 pgs. A,B,C,D - 4/23/70)  
144-46 (FBI Report of [redacted] Date 4/23/70, 3 pgs.)  
159-75 ("II. CONNECTIONS WITH BLACK NATIONALIST GROUPS", pgs. 16-32)  
178 (Dir., FBI, SAC, L.A., re: report of SA [redacted] - 2/26/70)  
181 (To Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - Robert Lee Colbert - 12/24/69)  
182-86 (FBI "ROBERT LEE COLBERT RACIAL MATTERS - BPP", pgs. 1-5, 12/24/69)  
193-94 ("Investigative Period 8/13/69 - 9/17/69", 9/22/69)  
195 (FBI Report of [redacted] Date 9/22/69)  
199-200 (FBI "Sergeant [redacted] pgs. 5-6 - 8/22/69)  
201-204 (FBI [redacted] pgs. 7,8,10,11 - 9/11/69)  
205 (Police Report w/DR# 69-589246 - 8/14/69)  
206 (FBI "The following described items of property were received" - 9/19/69)  
207 (Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A., "Transmitted herewith for the Bureau" 9/2/69)  
208 (Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A., [redacted])  
209 (Memo to SAC, L.A., from SA [redacted] "he may still [redacted] - 8/18/69)  
210 (AIRTEL, to SAC, L.A., from SAC, S.F., "8/3/69, by SF 3215-R\*" - 8/5/69)  
211 (AIRTEL, to SAC, L.A., from Dir., FBI, "Rerep of SA [redacted] - 6/23/69)  
213-16 ("Investigative Period 1/31/69 - 5/25/69" pgs. A,B,C,D - 6/6/69)  
217-230 (FBI Report of [redacted] Date 6/6/69, 15 pgs.)  
234 (AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A., " [redacted] advised [redacted] that a beauty shop" - 4/9/69)  
235-36 (Office Memo to SAC, L.A., from SA [redacted] 2 pgs. - 3/14/69)  
238-39 (Memo to SAC, L.A., from SA [redacted] "JOHN JEROME HUGGINS" 1/23/69)

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251-52 (Letter to [redacted] from R. Conforti with enclosures - 6/16/95) b6  
255 (Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A., "A review of the activities" - 9/4/68) b7C  
256 (Memo to SAC, L.A., from Dir., FBI, "Reurlet 9/4/68" - 9/16/68)  
257 (Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A., "ReBulet dated 9/16/68" - 10/18/68)  
261 (FBI FOIPA Deleted Page Information Sheet, "Deleted under exemptions b(1)")  
264 (TELETYPE to Dir, Albany, Boston, from L.A., "Rebutel, November twelve last" - 11/14/68)  
265 (FBI FOIPA Deleted Page Information Sheet, "Deleted under exemptions b(1)")  
266 ("PAGE FOUR .. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO KEEP L.A. OFFICE FULLY ADVISED")  
267-68 (Memo to SAC, L.A., from Supervisor \_\_\_, "At 5:45 P.M., 11/14/68" - 11/15/68)  
269 (FBI FOIPA Deleted Page Information Sheet, "Deleted under exemptions b(1) b7D(2)")  
270 ("\_\_\_ Los Angeles Police Department, as of 3: P.M. today is currently in this")  
271 (FBI FOIPA Deleted Page Information Sheet, "Deleted under exemptions b(1)")  
272 (FBI FOIPA Deleted Page Information Sheet, "Deleted under exemptions b(1)")  
277 (Search Slip, Subject Black Panther Party - 10/18/79)  
278 (Search Slip, Subject 67 C 3 (1) - 10/18/79)  
279 (FBI [redacted] b3  
280 (FBI [redacted] b7D  
283 (AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 8/21/69)  
286-87 (AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, S.F., Subject: Congressman Paul W. McCloskey - 5/15/79)  
288 ("IV WHEREABOUTS OF ELMER PRATT ON OR ABOUT 12/18/68")  
289 ("III [redacted]  
290 [redacted] Pratt murder trial [redacted] that Pratt was attending")  
291-94 (FBI BPP Los Angeles Division EXTREMIST MATTERS, pgs. 1-4 - 1/18/72) b6  
295 (Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A., re: L.A. report of SA \_\_\_ dated 2/9/72 - 3/8/72) b7C

DOCUMENTS APPEARING IN 3/4/96 CORRESPONDENCE NOT IN CURRENT WRIT

303-09 (Letter to [redacted] from R. Conforti with enclosures - 3/4/96)  
 310-12 (Letter to [redacted] from [redacted] - 12/15/95)  
 323 ("ELMER "GERONIMO" PRATT ED. 302" MISC. DOCUMENTS - EXCISED COPY)  
 325 (FBI contacted former SA [redacted] - 11/2/95)  
 326 (FBI contacted former SA Wilbert J. Weiskirch - 11/2/95)  
 327 (FBI contacted former SA [redacted] - 10/31/95)  
 328 (FBI contacted SA [redacted] SAC [redacted] former SA [redacted] - 11/2/95)  
 329 (FBI contacted SA [redacted] - 10/31/95 to 11/1/95)  
 330-33 (FBI contacted former SA [redacted] 7/21/80)  
 334 (Handwritten paragraph by [redacted] - 7/18/80)  
 335-36 (FBI - [redacted] former SA - 7/25/80)  
 337 (FBI contacted [redacted] - 8/11/80)  
 338-39 (FBI - "Wilbert J. Weiskirch was advised of the identities of" - 7/30/80)  
 340-41 (FBI contacted Wilbert J. Weiskirch - 8/29/80)  
 342-43 (FBI - [redacted] - 7/30/80)  
 344-46 (FBI [redacted] Indiana, 47460" - 8/8/80)  
 347-50 (FBI [redacted] California" - 9/19/80)  
 351-54 (FBI - "Thodore M. Gardner, Special Agent in Charge" - 9/19/80)  
 355-57 (FBI - "Special Agent [redacted] 9/24/80)  
 358-60 (FBI [redacted] Chief Inspector, FBI - 10/6/80)  
 361-63 (FBI [redacted] Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI - 9/24/80)  
 364-65 (FBI [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, San Diego - 9/13/80)  
 366-67 (FBI - "Special Agent [redacted] currently assigned to the NY division" - 9/25/80)  
 368-69 (FBI - "On the dates indicated, the below-listed persons were contacted" - 11/3/80)  
 370-71 (TELETYPE to Director, from S.F. [redacted], TELEPHONICALLY")  
 372-73 (AIRTEL, to SACs Baltimore, Boston, etc., from Dir., FBI - 4/16/75)  
 374-76 (AIRTEL, to SACs Baltimore, Boston, etc., from Dir., FBI, pgs. 1-3 - 3/21/75)  
 377-78 (TELETYPE to Baltimore, Boston, etc., from Director - JUNE, pgs. 1,3)  
 379-80 (TELETYPE to Director, attn: INTD. SECTION CL-3, from S.F., 2 pgs. - 7/29/74)  
 381-82 (Letter to Leo Brenneisen, from [redacted] re: Dellinger v. Mitchell, 2 pgs.)  
 383 (Memo to SAC, S.F., from SA Leo S. Brenneisen, Subject: Dellinger v. Mitchell 9/17/75)  
 384 (Memo to SAC, S.F., from SA Leo S. Brenneisen, Subject: D. Dellinger, B. Seale, et al 5/26/76)  
 385 (Dellinger v. Mitchell Civil Action No. 1768-9 AFFIDAVIT)  
 386-87 (Dellinger v. Mitchell Civil Action No. 1768-9 ORDER)  
 388 (TELETYPE to Dir., FBI, from SAC, S.F. - 5/9/75)  
 389 (TELETYPE to Director, from S.F., Attn: Legal Section - 5/20/75)  
 390-92 (FBI re: Dellinger v. Mitchell, list of names/addresses of former Agents - 4/29/75)  
 394-95 (AIRTEL, to SACs Baltimore, Boston etc., from Dir., FBI "ReButel dated 8/5/74" - 8/6/74)  
 396-419 ("Plaintiff Jerry C. Rubin incidentally overheard the following: pgs. 72 - 95)  
 420 (Dellinger v. Mitchell SUMMONS - 6/26/69)  
 421-36 (Dellinger v. Mitchell COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY & INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, pgs. 1-16)  
 437-68 (USA v. Dellinger ANSWER TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, pgs. 1-32)  
 469-70 (DELLINGER v. MITCHELL ORDER - "10th day of January, 1974")

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41	18 (13) *	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ - 12/20/68)	
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44	18 (10)	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ - 12/20/68)	
45	18 (5)	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ 12/19/68)	
46	16 (9)	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ 12/19/68)	b6 b7C
47	18 (4) *	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ - 12/19/68)	
48	18 (3) *	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ - 12/19/68)	
49	18 (2) *	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ - 12/19/68)	
50	18 (9) *	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ - 12/20/68)	
51-52	18 (8) *	(AIRTEL - 12/20/68)	
53	18 (17) *	(To SAC, Houston - 12/23/68)	
54	18 (14) *	(Memo to SAC, Denver - 12/23/68)	
55	18 (15) *	(Memo to SAC, Boston - 12/23/68)	
56	18 (16) *	(To SAC, Denver - 12/23/68)	
57	18 (12) *	(To SAC, Cleveland - 12/20/68)	
58	18 (1) *	(To SAC, S.F., from SA _____ - 12/19/68)	
62	24 (5) *	("The interview of CHARLES PRATT")	
78-80	21 (1)	(FBI task force report - pgs. 1,13,14 only)	
81	3 (13) *	(FBI _____)	
82-83	3 (18) *	(FBI "Jet Magazine", pg. 1 only - 4/17/70)	b6
84-86	3 (4) *	(FBI regarding information _____)	b7C b7D
95-98	19A (2)	(Declaration of _____ - 4 pgs.)	
99-100	19A (1)	(Declaration of _____ - 2 pgs.)	
101	19C	(Court order in <u>Dellinger v. Mitchell</u> , 1968-9)	
102	19B	(3/7/75 letter to attorney Leonard Weinglass, pg. 1 only)	
103	19D	(3/10/75 letter _____ to Weinglass)	
105-108	19E	(Affidavits of _____ and _____ for court authority to review wiretaps, 3/21/75)	b6 b7C

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EXHIBITS APPEARING IN 12/9/94 CORRESPONDENCE AND CURRENT WRIT

<u>Bates</u> <u>Stamp #</u>	<u># in Current Writ</u>	<u>Description</u>
139	3 (19)	(Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 7/9/70)
147-49	3 (3) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
150	3 (6) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
151	3 (7) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
152	3 (11)	(FBI [REDACTED])
153	3 (12) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
154	3 (13) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
157-58	3 (15) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
176-77	3 (18) *	(FBI - "Jet Magazine" - 4/17/70)
179	3 (17) *	(Memo to SAC, L.A., from SA ___ - 2/24/70)
180	3 (16) *	(AIRTEL to SAC, S.F., from SAC, L.A. - 2/4/70)
187	3 (15) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
188	3 (14) *	(FBI Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 12/18/69)
189	3 (13) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
190	3 (11)	(FBI [REDACTED])
191	3 (12) *	(FBI [REDACTED])
192	3 (9)	(Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. ___ (P) - 11/7/69)
196-98	3 (4)	(FBI re [REDACTED])
212	3 (2)	(Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 6/5/69)
232-33	3 (1) *	(Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 5/6/69)
232-33	(28) *	(Memo to SAC, L.A., from SA ___ - 4/28/71)

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247-48	19	(AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, S.F. - JUNE)
249	15 (3)	(AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 10/31/68)
250	15 (7)	(TELETYPE to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 12/20/68)

DOCUMENTS APPEARING IN 6/16/95 CORRESPONDENCE AND CURRENT WRIT

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258-60	15 (1)	(Memo to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 10/18/68)
262	15 (2)	(AIRTEL, to SAC, L.A., from Dir., FBI - 10/29/68)
263	15 (3)	(AIRTEL, to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 10/31/68)
273	15 (4)	(TELETYPE to Dir., from SAC, L.A. - 11/16/68)
274	15 (6)	(TELETYPE to Dir., from SAC, L.A. - 12/13/68)
275	15 (7)	(TELETYPE to Dir., from SAC, L.A. - 12/20/68)
276	15 (5)	(TELETYPE to Dir., FBI, from SAC, L.A. - 12/2/68)
281	7 (1)	("D. Following the receipt of information")
285	22 (1) (pg. 5 only)	(FBI - "At the Courthouse Cleaver was questioned")
296	22 (13) *	(TELETYPE - 7/28/72 LRS "Pratt found guilty today")

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EXHIBITS APPEARING IN 3/4/96 CORRESPONDENCE AND CURRENT WRIT

THERE ARE NONE

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April 8, 1996

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Assistant General Counsel  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building, Room 7927  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear [Redacted]

Re: *In re Pratt*, Case No. A267020

In addition to our request of April 3, 1996, for F.B.I. documents to be shown to a California court in camera, we also request that the F.B.I. documents which were considered by the F.B.I. Pratt Task Force, and which were previously shown to Federal Magistrate Kronenberg and to the California State Court of Appeal, Second District, Division One<sup>1</sup> be compared to the F.B.I. documents attached as exhibits to the current Petition For Writ Of Habeas Corpus. To the extent that this comparison shows that some documents attached as exhibits are "new", could you have either a list prepared or photocopies made of the "new" documents.

Deputy District Attorney [Redacted] recalls reviewing a file in Washington, D.C., which contained all of the F.B.I. documents that had been shown to Federal Magistrate Kronenberg. If all of the F.B.I. documents in the exhibits have already been shown to both Magistrate Kronenberg and to the California Court of Appeal, convincing a new court that there is no merit to the current petition would be facilitated. Even if some of the F.B.I. documents contained in the exhibits are "new", this comparison should narrow the issues and the evidence with regard to the instant petition.

<sup>1</sup> A synopsis of the Pratt Task Force inquiry is attached to *In Re Pratt* (1980) 112 Cal.App.3d 795, 917, and states that the Court of Appeal was shown pertinent F.B.I. documents in camera. (*Id.* at 921.) Federal Magistrate Kronenberg stated in his written findings that he reviewed in camera the same documents that had been shown to the Court of Appeal. (*Pratt v. McCarthy* CV 81-3407-PAR(K), Findings On A Petition For Writ Of Habeas Corpus By A Person In State Custody, p. 8, fn. 4.)

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To the extent possible, we would also like to have copies, whether redacted or not, of any F.B.I. documents which were presented to Magistrate Kronenberg and the California Court of Appeal which are not in petitioner's exhibits.

Thank you once again for your attention to this matter and for your continuing cooperation.

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Very truly yours,

GIL GARCETTI  
District Attorney of  
Los Angeles County

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Deputy District Attorney  
Appellate Division

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# Memorandum



To : [redacted] Unit Chief  
Civil Discovery Review Unit

Date 1/22/96


From : [redacted] Unit Chief  
Interstate Theft/Government Reservation Crime Unit

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Subject: Elmer Pratt, aka Geronimo;  
Inquiry of Gil Garcetti,  
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office  
(62A-HQ-1073771)

Purpose: To request assistance from the Civil Discovery Unit (CDRU) in the review of FBI documents for dissemination to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADAO), pursuant to the LADAO's requests for information in possession of the FBI concerning Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt.

Recommendation: That the CDRU locate, review, and make suitable for dissemination to the LADAO certain documents attached hereto or described in the details of this memorandum.

APPROVED:  Crim. Inv. Info. Res. Training  
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Director Finance National Sec. Office of Public & Cong. Affairs  
Deputy Director Gen. Counsel Personnel

Details: In a letter dated 12/1/93, the Honorable Gil Garcetti, LADAO, requested that AG Reno assist his office in responding to a habeas corpus petition on behalf of Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt. Garcetti advised that his office was in receipt of a document from the [redacted] the [redacted] which provided an analysis of Pratt's conviction. Included in this report were two affidavits, signed by [redacted] and [redacted] which claimed that [redacted]

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Conforti

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Elmer Pratt, aka Geronimo;  
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of FBI documents in an unrelated matter, and that [redacted]  
[redacted]

The Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, CID, FBIHQ, directed a review of pertinent FBI files dealing with Elmer Pratt, which files were situated in the FBI field offices at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Pocatello and FBIHQ. This review also included files reporting the results of previous inquiries into the Pratt matter, including those related to the 1980 Pratt Task Force report.

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The review was responsive to the allegation that the FBI possesses or possessed information [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] the date of a robbery and shooting at Santa Monica, California, which resulted in the death of one individual and the wounding of another. Pratt was subsequently prosecuted for these crimes by the State of California and sentenced to a period of incarceration which continues to this day.

The CDRU has previously assisted in this review and pursuant to a memorandum from Assistant to the Attorney General Richard Scruggs to [redacted] General Counsel, FBI, dated 7/13/94, processed approximately 225 redacted pages, which had been completely or partially declassified, for the LADAO. In addition, the redactions affecting these documents were made to protect personal privacy, source information, and information which is protected by federal statutes, yet still be responsive to the law enforcement interest expressed by the LADAO.

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Continued liaison with representatives of the LADAO is ongoing at this time on this matter. Recent contacts with the LADAO has determined that they are completing their internal review and plan to issue a report on their inquiry. However, the LADAO has identified additional areas where clarification, either through FBIHQ articulation or document release, is necessary.

The following are specific areas where clarification is necessary:

1. Whether [redacted]  
were afforded access to FBI electronic surveillance documents in

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Assistant to the Attorney General  
Re: Elmer Pratt, aka "Geronimo";  
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Los Angeles County District Attorney (LADA)

any other civil discovery order in addition to that corroborated in the Dellinger Vs. Mitchell suit, Civil Order 1768-69.

[redacted] deposition and subsequent interviews suggest the possibility that she may have reviewed files in an FBI office during the period 1974-1976, related to civil discovery orders involving the Black Panther Party and Huey Newton vs Levi, et al (197-2866); Socialists Workers Party vs. Mitchell, #3160-73; [redacted] . Michell (197-122); and/or the San Quentin Six et al, (197-182, 197-112).

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The CDRU is requested to determine if civil discovery orders were issued in any or all of the above described lawsuits which may have afforded plaintiffs or their attorneys access to FBI electronic surveillance logs and transcripts. The CDRU is also requested to provide copies of any discovery orders for dissemination to the LADAO.

The CDRU is requested to review the attached documents and render them suitable for dissemination to LADAO.

2. The LADAO requested clarification regarding investigative activity at Los Angeles and San Francisco which could shed light on the allegation that the FBI participated in an electronic interception of Black Panther Party related communications circa December, 1968. These allegations focus on whether the LA or SF offices conducted or assisted local law enforcement agencies in illegal electronic intercepts. Prior inquiries in this matter resulted in the interviews of several former and current FBI Agents in 1980. The results of these interviews may be of value to the LADAO as they respond directly to several questions raised in this matter and were obtained at a time when memories were clearer.

The CDRU is requested to review the attached FD-302s and render them suitable for dissemination to the LADAO (FD-302 of regarding former SA [redacted] dated 9/22/95; former SA [redacted] dated 10/31/95 and investigation dated 10/31 - 11/1/95). In addition CDRU is to review and render suitable or dissemination to the LADAO the following enclosures contained in bulky exhibit in file 62-HQ-118284 E44X2: #s 4, 4A, 5, 5A, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, and 22.

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The CDRU is requested to coordinate this request with Unit Chief [redacted] IT/GRC Unit, CID, extension 4192, and to handle this as expeditiously as possible.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-10305)

10/18/68

SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1618) (P)

JUNEBLACK PANTHER PARTY  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION  
RM - BPP

ReBulet dated 9/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of an FD-142.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1751)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS  
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

DATE: 8/30/68

*Amf*

Re Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 8/20/68, entitled BLACK STUDENT UNION, CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE AT LOS ANGELES, RM-BSU; Los Angeles report of SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD dated 8/9/68, entitled BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT, LOS ANGELES DIVISION; and Los Angeles letter dated 6/3/68, entitled COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE.

The black nationalist organizations that present the greatest potential danger for violence in and about Los Angeles are the Black Panther Party (BPP), the various Black Student Union (BSU) chapters at several local institutions of higher learning, the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and "US". Accordingly, these organizations are the focus of the Black Nationalist Counterintelligence Program at Los Angeles.

It should be noted that personnel handling the Counterintelligence Program have been assigned for periods of varying lengths, to the investigations of at least one of the three major cases being conducted at Los Angeles during this 90-day reporting period.

Informant coverage is not being dealt with in this letter, since it is a separate program and further, it goes without saying that quality informant coverage is necessary in any effective counterintelligence program.

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I. OPERATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION

A. Black Panther Party

Under consideration is a review of toll call records of all long-distance telephone calls made through the use of the telephones at the BPP headquarters and appropriate leaders in the BPP at Los Angeles.

An interview program similar to that in effect with regard to the "US" organization is also being considered for the BPP. A matter of considerable thought is whether or not the information obtained is worth the risks involved of agent personnel due to the extreme militancy of the members of this organization.

B. Black Student Union

Under consideration is the review of student records of all officers of the BSU chapters who advocate violence, to determine if they receive any Federal educational grants, aid, or assistance.

C. Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Under consideration is the interview of all recently deposed officers of SNCC at Los Angeles.

D. "US"

Under consideration is the reviewing of toll call records of all long-distance telephone calls made through the telephones at the residence of RONIE MC KINLEY EVERETT, aka Ron Karenga, and those telephones located within "US" headquarters.

II. OPERATIONS BEING EFFECTED

A. Black Panther Party

A program in effect has been the advising of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the identity of BPP leaders whenever impending foreign travel is involved. The objective of this program is to determine the circumstances, manner, and route of all foreign travel.

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Also in effect has been the determination of the origin and subsequent transactions involving each firearm found in the possession of any BPP member. The objective of this program is to determine the identity of each BPP firearm purchaser, the manner of purchase, and the type (s) and quantity of firearms purchased.

Efforts have been made to determine the place and manner of banking in an effort to neutralize the source or sources of financial support.

Likewise, efforts are being made to determine the identity of the property owner of the headquarters of the BPP at Los Angeles.

B. Black Student Union

At present, because of the academic summer recess, there is no counterintelligence program in effect concerning the various BSU chapters.

C. Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Presently, Bureau authority has been granted for the Los Angeles Office to conduct a preliminary survey to determine the feasibility of a technical surveillance at the SNCC headquarters at 7406 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

An effort is being made to identify the present landlord or owner of the property at 7406 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, the present SNCC headquarters.

In effect at this time is the determination of the method of acquisition of any firearm found in the possession of a SNCC member, in an effort to learn whether or not there is any systematic manner of firearms acquisition by SNCC members.

D. "US"

The interview program of members of "US" and its leadership element has been effective in that it has proved a source of intelligence information concerning the organization. Further and perhaps most important, particularly with the younger members, interviews have resulted in parental involvement and subsequent knowledge of such membership. This knowledge has proved a barrier in individual cases to further participation in any "US" activities by some Negro youths.

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Also in effect has been the review of the Federal income tax returns of RONIE MC KINLEY EVERETT, aka Ron Karenga.

### III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

#### A. Black Panther Party

The Counterintelligence Program has been least effective against the BPP. The BPP is new in Los Angeles and effective counterintelligence measures have not been fully implemented.

#### B. Black Student Union

The BSU has been inactive during the months of June, July, and August, except for the incident of 7/24/68, at California State College at Los Angeles, as set out in referenced letterhead memorandum dated 8/20/68. This is due to the fact of the summer recess in the academic community.

#### C. Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

The Counterintelligence Program has resulted in the neutralization of the growth of membership and the relative financial strength of SNCC.

#### D. "US"

There has been no detectable change in either the number of members or relative strength of "US" among the Negro youth in Los Angeles during the 90-day period of June, July, and August.

### IV. DEVELOPMENTS OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INTEREST

The most significant change and matter of counterintelligence interest at Los Angeles concerning black nationalist activities is the growth of the BPP and the number of acts of violence perpetrated by its members and/or the number of incidents of violence in which BPP members were involved. This is best evidenced in the shooting on 8/5/68, in which three BPP members were killed and two Los Angeles Police Department officers were wounded.

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Further interest is the continued criminal involvement of certain members of the leadership element of "US". This is evidenced by the recent arrest of [redacted] in the attempted armed robbery of a [redacted] at Los Angeles.

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Richard Scruggs  
Assistant to the Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Attorney General  
10th Pennsylvania Avenue  
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Richard:

In re Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, LASC No. A267020

As of today, we have not received the package containing reports from the Los Angeles FBI [redacted]

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You may recall that on January 11, 1995, during a telephone conversation, you indicated to [redacted] and myself that copies of reports from the Los Angeles FBI [redacted] [redacted] had been mailed to us on December 9, 1994. Because we had not received that package as of January 11th, you told us that another copy would be sent to us.

On January 25, 1995, we telephoned and left a message for you that we had not yet received the reports mentioned above. On January 31, 1995, we received a message that you had telephoned and indicated that you would have the FBI resend the package, but we have not yet received them.

We appreciate your help in obtaining these reports. We would like to resolve this case as quickly as possible and our efforts to do so are contingent upon our receipt of the reports.

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Pls send  
& handle this. 3/14/95  
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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

GIL GARCETTI  
District Attorney of  
Los Angeles County

[Redacted]  
Deputy District Attorney  
Habeas Corpus Litigation Team

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c: [Redacted] Assistant District Attorney  
Roger J. Gunson, Director, BSO  
[Redacted] Appellate Division



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

March 15, 1995




Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office  
849 S. Broadway  
Suite 1100  
Los Angeles, California 90014

Dear 

*Pratt, Linn*

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I received a copy of your 2/14/95, letter to Richard Scruggs advising that you had not received the LA FBI documents  I am forwarding a copy of the redacted documents and the original transmitting letter from Section Chief Robert S. Conforti, dated 12/9/94.

I am sorry that the original letter and documents failed to reach you. I hope that these copies will answer your request.

Sincerely,



Violent Crimes and  
Major Offenders Section  
Criminal Investigative Division

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Date: 11/15/68

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TO DIRECTOR FBI  
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (157-1618)

*June*

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY. RACIAL MATTER.

RE LOS ANGELES TELCALLS TO BUREAU NOVEMBER FIFTEEN INSTANT.

IN ORDER FOR BUREAU TO BE FULLY AND PROMPTLY ADVISED OF  
ANY PLANNED BPP ACTIVITY, [REDACTED] PAREN.

PROB PAREN HAS SIGNED WAIVER GRANTING AUTHORITY TO INSTALL  
EXTENSION PHONE FOR PURPOSE OF MONITORING CALLS TO HIS  
RESIDENCE. INSTALLATION AND MONITORING TO BE DONE IN LOS  
ANGELES OFFICE. ESTIMATED COST OF EXTENSION PHONE SEVENTY FIVE  
TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH. FULL SECURITY ASSURED.

INFORMANT HAS ALSO AUTHORIZED [REDACTED]

TRANSMISSIONS WILL BE MONITORED IN LOS ANGELES OFFICE OR  
FROM MOBILE UNITS. LOS ANGELES IN POSSESSION SUFFICIENT

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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EXISTING EQUIPMENT FOR <sup>Temporary</sup> INSTALLATION. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT  
ADVISED when equipment is activated both at  
informants home

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1618)

DATE: 11/15/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Reference is made to Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, etal, 11/14/68.

Data contained in retel was orally dictated to a stenographer at the Bureau at 3:42 P.M., 11/14/68, by the writer while SA [redacted] Division 5, listened at the same time. In addition to the data contained in the teletype, the Bureau was requested to authorize an installation on the telephone of the informant in this matter in order that this office might be immediately aware of any telephone calls received by the source which he might not be in a position to convey telephonically himself to this office.

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At 5:45 P.M., 11/14/68, SA [redacted] Division 5, contacted the writer and advised that, in addition to the United States Attorney, Los Angeles Police Department, 115th Military Intelligence Group and Secret Service, Bureau officials desired, under the new National Firearms Law, that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division also be advised.

SA [redacted] immediately contacted Special Agent [redacted] Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, and made the contents in general of the referenced teletype available. In addition, at 6:15 P.M. SA [redacted] made available to Detective [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office Intelligence Division, the same data.

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In response to the inquiry made of the Bureau regarding authorization, at 5:00 P.M. SA [redacted] telephonically advised that authority had been granted to attempt to install some sort of tech in connection with the informant. He was advised that details and problems would be made available to the Bureau as they occurred, and that attempts to make the installation would be started at once.

In connection with the data contained in the

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referenced teletype at the time the Bureau was contacted, a call was placed from this office to the office of Deputy Chief [redacted] requesting that he immediately contact this office on a very important matter. His office advised that he was expected back shortly before 4:00 P.M. At 4:25 P.M. the writer contacted Lieutenant [redacted] the Adjutant to Deputy Chief [redacted] and advised him of the contents of the teletype. Lieutenant [redacted] advised that he would immediately contact [redacted]. Shortly afterwards, Chief [redacted] contacted the office and advised that he had his staff about him, and the matter concerning the Black Panthers and their being armed was again discussed with Chief [redacted]. The Chief had the writer on a speaker system in the Chief's office, and the speaker system in the ASAC's office was utilized on this end. The Chief was advised that the information as we had it and had given it to him was from one of our informants who was in a position to be cognizant of the data contained in the teletype, and that any information gained additionally from the informant would be made available immediately to the Police Department.

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Subsequently, the Chief contacted the writer and advised that either Captain [redacted] of Police Department Intelligence or Lieutenant [redacted] of the Subversive Detail would be in touch to maintain liaison regarding this matter. SA [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted] were subsequently in telephonic contact, and it was ascertained that the Police Department was placing surveillance units out on the street. The names and addresses of the following persons, as being of interest to the Police Department and who had most probably participated in the passing out or getting of weapons, was furnished: [redacted]. The names of these [redacted] individuals had also previously been furnished to Deputy Chief [redacted] by the writer.

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Data concerning a telephone call received by the informant during the evening hours of 11/14/68 is set forth in Los Angeles teletype of 11/15/68 sent during the A.M. hours. In essence, a number of Panthers set up an ambush for a police car, which failed to materialize.

On 11/15/68 the Telephone Company advised that under the present ruling of their Legal Department on the West Coast, a technical installation could not be made without the issuance of a court order. SA's [redacted] LAYHEW conducted liaison with

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the Telephone Company, and it was worked out that the Telephone Company could put an extension telephone on any telephone to any point, provided the customer requested it.

This data was relayed to SA [redacted] Division 5, Racial Section, at the Seat of Government, who advised that the original approval on [redacted] was granted by [redacted] and that this morning the Director had approved it and requested it be referred to the Attorney General for a legal opinion. [redacted] advised that the Attorney General's opinion was that he would approve the court order for the installation of the technical installation; however, he wished to point out that if any of the individuals who contacted the informant were subsequently brought into Federal Court, the Bureau would have to make the contents of their telephone calls known to the defendant, and this might expose the informant. [redacted] was advised of the alternate possibility of an extension telephone line, and also the desires of Los Angeles to utilize existing equipment to install [redacted] [redacted] secured authority and advised the writer that authority was granted and requested a teletype confirming the request be sent. A teletype under the JUNE caption was forwarded.

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At approximately 2:00 P.M., 11/15/68, the writer was in contact with [redacted] again and answered several questions that the Department had raised concerning the telephone extension [redacted] - that the informant was purchasing his home, that he was the registered owner of his vehicle, and that he was the sole occupant of the house with the exception of [redacted] Mr. MOORE advised that the Department had rendered an opinion that the utilization of an extension is perfectly legal but did raise a side issue that if all statements made by a possible defendant in a Federal matter would come up and the identity of the individual were known, such statements would probably have to be made available.

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[redacted] was advised that the Telephone Company had been contacted, and that the [redacted] was under way, and that arrangements had been made to [redacted] [redacted] to be monitored from the console in the Los Angeles Office. The monitoring of the telephone will be effected in the former space utilized in this office for technical operations. Personnel will be assigned to monitor radio

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equipment when the installation is completed.

Lieutenant [redacted] Los Angeles Police Department,  
as of 3:00 P.M. today, is currently in this office being  
briefed by Supervisor [redacted] and SA [redacted] as to  
all information available concerning this operation of the  
Black Panthers.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
BUREAU OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS

GIL GARCETTI • District Attorney  
SANDRA L. BUTTITTA • Chief Assistant District Attorney

R. DAN MURPHY • Director

March 9, 1994

Richard Scruggs  
Assistant to the Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Attorney General  
10th Pennsylvania Avenue  
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

*In re Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, Habeas Corpus LASC No. A267020*

This letter is to confirm the telephone conversations I had with you on Thursday, March 3, 1994, and Tuesday, March 8, 1994. Thank you for your assistance regarding our request.

During our conversation on March 3, you told me that the FBI had conducted a detailed interview of [redacted] regarding their observations of certain wiretap logs in the Federal Building in San Francisco. You also indicated that during the interview, [redacted] said that what she thought she saw was the record of a Los Angeles wiretap. I understand that any day now we will be receiving copies of the FBI "302" reports regarding the interviews of [redacted] and within a couple of weeks wiretap information from the San Francisco Office covering a time period a few days before and after [redacted]. You also indicated that the FBI has tried to reconstruct what [redacted] were examining but has been unsuccessful in locating the wiretap log entry they claim to have seen regarding Mr. Pratt. You also mentioned to me that out of an abundance of caution you have requested the Los Angeles FBI office to look for wiretap information regarding the time period in question.

On March 8, 1994, we talked about additional information you would try and obtain for us. First of all, you indicated that included with the information you will be providing us with will be some type of FBI log showing when and if [redacted] were examining FBI wiretap logs in San Francisco. Secondly, that you will send us information regarding a [redacted]

[redacted] In particular, who in Los Angeles might have made that call. Lastly, we had

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*Elmer Pratt, aka Geronimo,  
Inquiry of Gil Garcetti,  
Los Angeles County District Attorney;  
cc: HQ 62A-HQ-1073771*

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a conversation regarding the exchange of a letter between [redacted]  
[redacted] According to [redacted] two FBI  
agents were present during the letter exchange. Apparently [redacted] mentioned this during  
a pretrial interview with the prosecutor (see Attachment 1, notes of the interview). [redacted]  
later confirmed this in a declaration obtained by Mr. Pratt (see Attachment 2). We are  
puzzled by the presence of the FBI agents at the letter exchange incident. Mr. Pratt has  
contended that the FBI was there because they had some kind of [redacted]  
[redacted] It is also possible that [redacted] might have been [redacted]  
LAPD Intelligence information. If the FBI suspected that [redacted] was not loyal to LAPD,  
it might explain why they were present at the letter exchange. As we discussed, the letter  
exchange occurred on [redacted] You indicated that you would try and find out  
who the two FBI agents were and why they were present at the letter exchange.

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Again, thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter and I look forward  
to receiving the information you will be sending us.

Very truly yours,

GIL GARCETTI  
District Attorney of  
Los Angeles County

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Deputy District Attorney  
Habeas Corpus Litigation Team

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Attachments

c: Roger Gunson, Director, BSO  
[redacted] Appellate Division  
[redacted] Consultant



DECLARATION OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED] declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

I was a Los Angeles Police officer from [REDACTED] when I left the police force. I am presently employed by [REDACTED]

Sometime in [REDACTED] then a friend of mine, called me and asked me to meet him at a streetcorner in Los Angeles; I then proceeded to the streetcorner where I met [REDACTED] [REDACTED] gave me an envelope that was sealed and asked me to hold it for him as an "insurance policy" and only open it upon his death. He did not tell me the contents of the letter. I agreed to hold the letter and do as he had asked.

As [REDACTED] walked a short distance away I was approached by two men who identified themselves as F.B.I. agents and asked me for whatever [REDACTED] had given me. I refused and told them to ask [REDACTED] for it, as he was still close by, and within sight. They yelled to him by the name [REDACTED], indicating to me familiarity between the F.B.I. agents and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not respond and they did not approach him. [REDACTED] then left and I also left soon after.

At this time I did not give the F.B.I. agents the letter or open the letter. In fact, to this day, I have never read the letter [REDACTED] gave me. Soon after receiving the letter, I gave it to [REDACTED] of the L.A. Police Department who placed it in his safe deposit box.

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1     **1**     Soon after this incident, The F.B.I. threatened to indict  
2     me for obstruction of justice for refusing to turn over the  
3     letter to them.

4     Some time the next year I was involved in a fight with  
5     a white Los Angeles police officer. Due to this fight, and other  
6     allegations against me, I became the subject of an internal police  
7     investigation. During this investigation I was questioned by  
8     the Los Angeles Police Department regarding what [redacted]  
9     had given me and ordered to turn it over to the police department.  
10    When I refused, I was threatened with being fired for refusing  
11    a direct order.

12    I had not told anyone in the L.A.P.D. about receiving the  
13    letter except [redacted]                      Any contacts between  
14    [redacted] myself were never the subject of the charges  
15    brought against me by the internal investigation of the L.A.P.D.

16    During this investigation F.B.I. agents came to see me and  
17    questioned me about what [redacted]  
18    The F.B.I. agents demanded that I give them "the letter." I asked  
19    them how they knew it was a letter and they said [redacted]  
20    told them [redacted] had given me a letter. I informed them if that was  
21    so, [redacted] should ask me to give them the letter.

22    Soon after, [redacted] called me and asked me to give the  
23    letter to the police authorities. I told him I would but asked  
24    him why he had told them about the letter since I had almost  
25    gotten fired for refusing to give it to the FBI and the LAPD. He  
26    said he was sorry, but the FBI was putting pressure on him, and  
27    "jamming him" and that I should give the letter to them.

1 I then asked [ ] to give me the letter that I  
2 had given him and he did. I then gave it to a superior in the  
3 police department.

4 Soon later I was informed by police officials that I would  
5 be criminally prosecuted for withholding evidence about the  
6 commission of a felony. I told them if they looked at the  
7 envelope they could easily see that the envelope had the original  
8 seal on it, that I had never opened it, and that I did not know  
9 the contents of the letter.

10 I did not give the letter to either the FBI or the LAPD  
11 prior to [ ] asking me to do so because I had given  
12 my promise to [ ] that I would not open the letter or  
13 give it to anyone until he asked me to do so or until his death.

14 I will testify in a court of law to the above facts if I  
15 am asked to do so.

16 I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above is  
17 true and correct.

18 Dated: November 19, 1979.



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22 Executed this 19 day of Nov 1979  
23 in the city of Los Angeles  
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dealing w/ organizations.

- Was working as trying to get info from [redacted] for about 1-2 yrs.
- In August 1969 [redacted] delivered the letter. [redacted] said "These guys are after me & I may get killed." "If something happens to me I want you to read this letter & give it to my mother."

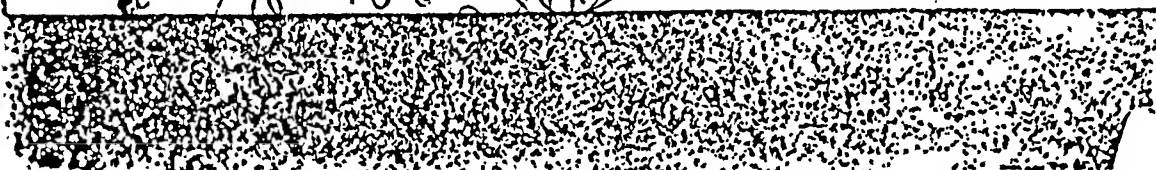
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- No indication what contents were. He made [redacted] promised to do above.

- [redacted] carried letter in Attache case for a while & then in locker. [redacted] gave letter to [redacted] & told him to read it & carry it to [redacted]. This was because [redacted] "getting involved" on street. This happened very shortly after [redacted] gave letter - no better estimate.

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- [redacted] got letter back from [redacted] to [redacted] ENCLOSURE. 62A-HQ-107-31



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- [ ] gave per to for letter over to  
auth when [ ] told him that  
auth. had demanded it.

- It all began when FBI saw [ ]  
give letter to [ ]. They asked  
for letter & [ ] refused to give  
it. [ ] told FBI they could  
get it by making official request  
from Dept. They didn't.

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- The letter they came up when  
he hit another officer & an internal  
affair inquiry was begun. They  
then began asking about letter.

- He gave letter to [ ]

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Date: 11/14/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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FROM:

LOS ANGELES (157-1618)

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP). RM. OO SAN FRANCISCO.

REBUTEL, NOVEMBER TWELVE, LAST & LA Tel cal to Bu 11/14 instant  
ON NOVEMBER FOURTEEN, INSTANT, [REDACTED][REDACTED], WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE  
PAST, ADVISED MEETING OF LA BPP HELD FOUR ONE ONE FIVE  
SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, NIGHT NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST.

APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE PERSONS ATTENDED. DURING MEETING,

SOURCE [REDACTED] LA BPP,

TO GO TO HOME OF JOHN HUGGIN AFTER MEETING. MEETING OVER ABOUT  
TEN THIRTY PM. [REDACTED] TO THEIR

RESIDENCE AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INSTANT. X

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DURING THIS PERIOD, SOURCE OBSERVED FORTY TO FIFTY PERSONS, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS MEMBERS OF BPP UNDERGROUND, COME TO HUGGIN'S RESIDENCE AND EACH RECEIVED WEAPON FROM CACHE STORED AT HUGGIN'S RESIDENCE. WEAPONS INCLUDED TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUNS, SEVEN MM RIFLES, AND WHAT SOURCE CALLED "M DASH FIFTY NINE". DESCRIBED THIS WEAPON AS LOOKING LIKE SHORT M-DASH ONE RIFLE (ASSAULT Rifle) AMMUNITION FURNISHED ALONG WITH WEAPONS. SOURCE STATED HAD NEVER SEEN MAJORITY OF THESE PERSONS BEFORE. DURING CONVERSATION, HUGGIN STATED "BUNCHIE" HAD GIVEN WORD TO OTHER PEOPLE OF LOCATIONS WHERE ADDITIONAL WEAPONS COULD BE OBTAINED. SOURCE STATED BUNCHIE IS BPP MEMBER FROM OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA WHO HEADS BPP UNDERGROUND THAT AREA. SOURCE FURNISHED NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF BPP MEMBERS AND IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF ALPRENTICE CARTER, FBI NUMBER THREE ONE ONE NINE ONE NINE D, AS BUNCHIE. ~~X~~

[REDACTED] CAME TO HUGGIN'S RESIDENCE AND PICKED UP CARTON OF GLASS JARS CONTAINING WHAT SOURCE CALLED CHLORATE, A DRY WHITE FLAKEY POWDER. SOURCE STATED THIS CHEMICAL USED TO CONSTRUCT EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. SOURCE FURTHER OBSERVED TEN POUND BAG OF BOTTLE CORKS AND A NUMBER OF LENGTHS OF GALVANIZED PIPE USED TO MAKE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. ~~X~~

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SOURCE STATED [REDACTED] TOLD HIM HE WOULD BE CALLED

EITHER THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY NIGHT (NOVEMBER  
FOURTEEN, INSTANT THROUGH NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NEXT) AND HE  
SHOULD BE READY TO GO UPON RECEIPT OF CALL. [REDACTED] TOLD  
SOURCE IF HE DID NOT RESPOND TO CALL RETALIATION WOULD BE  
MADE AGAINST HIM AND HIS FAMILY. ~~✓~~

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INFORMANT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO  
PROTECT HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY, AND NOT TO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF VIOLENCE. ~~✓~~

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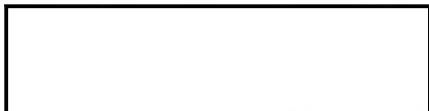
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INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO KEEP LOS ANGELES OFFICE FULLY ADVISED OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

U.S. ATTORNEY; SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES; REGION TWO, PASADENA; AND LAPD ADVISED OF ABOVE INFORMATION.



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*6:05 11/14/68*



*Reg II*

*ATAS advised*

*6:10 11/14/68*

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TO LOS ANGELES CODE  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP), LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

REURTEL NOVEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF GUNS AND AMMUNITION TO MEMBERS OF BPP UNDERGROUND FOR POSSIBLE ATTACK ON LOS ANGELES PD PRECINCT STATION.

SUTEL ACTION BEING TAKEN BY LOS ANGELES POLICE TO NEUTRALIZE POSSIBLE ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY BPP. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS AND UNUSUAL NATURE OF ALLEGATIONS, ALSO ADVISE WHAT INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO CORROBORATE INFORMANT'S STORY.

BE ALERT FOR INDICATIONS OF ANTIRIOT LAWS VIOLATIONS AND SUTEL ANY INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD TO BUREAU UNDER ANTIRIOT LAWS CHARACTER.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELCALLS TO BUREAU [REDACTED]  
PHONE INSTALLATION IN AND OPERATING AS OF SIX FIFTEEN P.M.  
NOVEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. [REDACTED] AND IN OPERATION AS  
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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, RM - BPP

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU ELEVEN THIRTY LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DATE THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED AT BPP  
HEADQUARTERS, LOS ANGELES, BY [REDACTED] BPP CAPTAIN.

HE IS TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO VICINITY OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]LAPD ADVISED. off SOURCE INSTRUCTED NOT TO  
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BLACK PANTHER PARTY. RM - BPP.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY. RM - BPP.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 7/7/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was interviewed in the California  
[REDACTED] California, by the writer and  
[REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] related  
the following information pertaining to his association with  
the Black Panther Party (BPP), Los Angeles, California:

He stated that he began to relate to the BPP in  
December 1967, after he had been sent to the County Jail for  
a period of four months on a charge which he was innocent of.

Immediately after his release from the County Jail,  
he obtained employment at the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] where he met [REDACTED] who was also employed  
in the [REDACTED] store as a [REDACTED]

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A short time after he began work at the [REDACTED] store,  
BUNCHY CARTER entered the [REDACTED] store and demanded that the  
manager of the [REDACTED] store give him a [REDACTED] After the  
manager refused to give CARTER the [REDACTED] that he requested,  
CARTER tongue lashed the manager, calling him a racist and a  
capitalist.

On this occasion, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] talked  
with CARTER and CARTER invited them to attend a BPP meeting  
two or three days later.

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[REDACTED] stated that he attended the meeting, and on  
this occasion "liberated" a [REDACTED] store  
and gave them to CARTER.

Thereafter, he became closely associated with the  
rank and file membership of the BPP.

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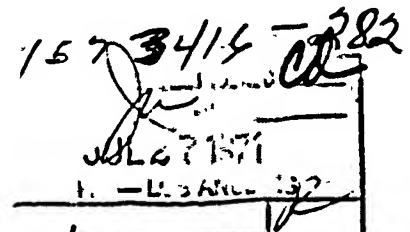
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157-4324 (ELDRIDGE CLEAVER)  
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157-1203 (HUEY P. NEWTON)  
157- [REDACTED]

157-3394 [REDACTED]

157-2501 (BUNCHY CARTER)  
157-2913 (FRANK DIGGS)  
157-2777 (JOHN HUGGINS)

157-3887 [REDACTED]

157-3083 [REDACTED]

157-3186 [REDACTED]

157-2271 [REDACTED]

157-3447 [REDACTED]

157-2298 [REDACTED]

157-3812 [REDACTED]

157-2388 [REDACTED]

157-3436 (ELMER PRATT) (SI)

157-2220 (STOCKPILING ARMS AND AMMUNITION)

157-3434 [REDACTED]

157-3867 (DAVID HILLIARD)

157-4258 [REDACTED]

157-656 [REDACTED]

157-4788 [REDACTED]

157-3636 [REDACTED]

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157-3430 [REDACTED]

157-3807 [REDACTED]

157-3741 [REDACTED]

157-2907 [REDACTED]

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157-6051 (RONALD JOHNSON)

157-5552 (HUEY P. NEWTON)

157-5352 [REDACTED]

157-3780 [REDACTED]

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157-4557 (SANDRA PRATT) (SI)

157-3846 [REDACTED]

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As he recalled, he met [redacted], JOHN HUGGINS, [redacted] and other old time BPP members at the meeting, and they all set around discussing "the revolution", the sayings of ELDRIDGE CLEAVER and HUEY NEWTON. All persons present at the meeting were sniffing cocaine. The group also discussed obtaining weapons and retaliatory moves against the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

Over a period of six to eight months, [redacted] stated that he became drawn closely to BUNCHY CARTER because CARTER had deduced that [redacted] who would do anything for the BPP. During this period of time, [redacted] met [redacted] and others actively engaged in the BPP. He stated that this was early 1968.

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During this period of time, [redacted] was residing in the [redacted] housing project, just off [redacted] Street. BUNCHY CARTER, [redacted] and other dignitaries of the BPP frequently met at [redacted] and at [redacted] house located near HOOPER and GAGE, Los Angeles, California.

While meeting at these two residences, the group made Molotov cocktails a number of times and on one occasion, specific date not recalled, they drove to a lumber yard located on Gage and Central in CARTER'S Mustang and incinerated the lumber yard, using the Molotov cocktails. As [redacted] recalled, CARTER and himself and one other individual perpetrated the arson, and he recalled that the third individual may have been [redacted].

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After the above arson was perpetrated, [redacted] received the specific assignment from CARTER to meet with all squad leaders of the BPP, Los Angeles chapter, and teach them the proper use of pyrotechnic devices. As [redacted] recalled, an individual called [redacted] and [redacted] were [redacted] of the Los Angeles BPP at that time. He also went to section 1-A and met [redacted] and [redacted].

After a period of time acting in this capacity, CARTER elevated [redacted] to the [redacted] of the BPP East Side.

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As one of his first acts in this position, [redacted] requested all BPP members who functioned with the party to obtain a weapon, and each person was left to his own ingenuity in obtaining his weapon.

[redacted] was elevated to the position of [redacted] and the majority of meetings of the Los Angeles BPP was held at the residence of [redacted] who was then residing in the area of [redacted] Los Angeles, California. CARTER required [redacted] to spend a great deal of each day in the study of the works of KARL MARX, and after a period of time [redacted] advised CARTER that he was not in the least interested in communism inasmuch as he did not think that communism could relate to the black man. CARTER advised that he, CARTER, was grooming [redacted] to be the liaison panther between the [redacted] of the BPP. CARTER told [redacted] that he should devote as much time as possible to BPP security.

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About this time, according to [redacted] he met ELMER PRATT who was then functioning as a Lieutenant of Security for the BPP on the west side. [redacted] recalled that his first meeting with PRATT must have occurred in about October 1968. On this occasion, the first thing that PRATT told [redacted] was that he, PRATT, was armed with a .45 caliber automatic and he asked [redacted] what kind of a piece he possessed. [redacted] advised that he had a .38 caliber revolver and PRATT advised him to give the piece away and he, PRATT, would get him a .45 automatic. PRATT gave [redacted] instructions and the breakdown of the .45 caliber automatic, .45 caliber Thompson Sub-machine gun, M-14 rifle and the M-57.

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As a portion of the instructions furnished by PRATT, [redacted] PRATT, [redacted] and several other BPP members went to the desert on shooting exercises, exact area unrecalled.

[redacted] stated that he went to the BPP national headquarters with CARTER the first time in approximately November, 1968, at which time he was introduced to DAVID HILLIARD, BOBBY SEALE, [redacted]

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At that time, the BPP national headquarters was located on Shattock. About this time, BUNCHY CARTER [redacted], which was [redacted] and [redacted] and their first assignment was to locate a [redacted] (Phonetic) who had been [redacted] with BUNCHY and who had [redacted] because of a disagreement with him.

[redacted] stated that he began flying to national headquarters on a regular basis, and on many occasions was invited to ELDRIDGE CLEAVER'S house. While at CLEAVER'S house, he observed a .30 caliber air-cooled machine gun which the panthers used to guard his residence. [redacted] related that he saw a number of other different types of weapons while at CLEAVER'S house.

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In describing CLEAVER, [redacted] stated that CLEAVER hated members of the Police Department in the worst sort of way and during December 1968, CLEAVER told a group of panthers who were meeting at his house, that he "wanted some pig heads for Christmas". He directed that every squad in the BPP was to go out and "scrape the terrain" in order to please CLEAVER. CLEAVER was preparing to attend a function in Los Angeles, California, shortly thereafter and CLEAVER placed [redacted] of CLEAVER'S security, and told [redacted] to work in [redacted]. During this period of time, the BPP came into possession of a quantity of counterfeit money which they were told to buy guns with. The party used the counterfeit bills in legitimate transaction, and thereafter used change that they received from the counterfeit money for the purchase of weapons.. On CLEAVER'S departure from Los Angeles, CLEAVER advised CARTER that he wanted a lot of pigs ears, meaning he wanted police officers killed by members of the BPP. After CLEAVER left Los Angeles, CARTER formed a [redacted] who operated in the west side of Los Angeles. This squad was composed of [redacted]

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Shortly after the second [redacted] [redacted] who was officer of the day at the BPP pad, 84th Street, began to VASCILLATE in his functions

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as a BPP officer and the [ ] were placed on his case. The [ ] disciplined [ ] and replaced him with [ ] as officer of the day.

[ ] thereafter went to San Francisco and stole a hot Cadillac automobile that he was in when [ ] and [ ] were arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Relating the facts about the [ ] [ ] stated that BUNCHY CARTER and EVON CARTER came to his [ ] residence located at [ ] [ ] and advised him that PRATT had to leave Los Angeles, California, because of the Santa Monica, California tennis court killing.

[ ] stated that [ ] and ELMER PRATT, driving ELMER PRATT'S GTO Pontiac Convertible, were out "scrapping the terrain" as directed by ELDRIDGE CLEAVER when they came upon a [ ] who were targets of opportunity in a [ ] in Santa Monica, California. [ ] and PRATT approached [ ] made an oral demand of money, obtained less than \$20.00 and [ ] who was nervous, peeked the hammer of the .38 revolver that he was holding. [ ] related that the weapon had a hair trigger and [ ] accidentally discharged the weapon hitting one of the robbery victims who were laying in a [ ] on the [ ] PRATT immediately unloaded his .45 caliber automatic at [ ] the victims, [ ] They fled the scene in PRATT's pontiac and the barrel of the .45 Pisto<sup>l</sup> ultimately was placed in the rear of a stereo unit in CARTER's house and was later destroyed.

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[ ] advised that the only BPP members who knew the full facts of the [ ] [ ]

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In relating the facts surrounding the FRANK DIGGS killing, [ ] stated ~~he advised~~ that BUNCHY CARTER told him that NEWTON had ordered a contract to be let on [ ] FRANK DIGGS because they were believed to be ~~an~~ informants and DIGGS was messing around with narcotics and was blowing his mind and was shooting off his mouth. CARTER first told PRATT that he was to kill DIGGS but PRATT could not execute the contract because his vehicle had been used

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in the above described [redacted] Approximately one week after the [redacted]

[redacted] were at [redacted] house when BUNCHY advised them that DIGGS had to be off that day.

[redacted] was suppose to have been included in the contract execution but that evening he could not go because he [redacted] and he had to go into hiding.

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During the execution of the contract, [redacted] [redacted] was used and the 1969 stolen Cadillac was used in the actual killing of DIGGS.

The group decided that [redacted] [redacted] would be in [redacted] and [redacted] would be in the Cadillac. According to plan, the two vehicles stopped at a liquor store on Colden and Figueroa in order to get something to get DIGGS drunk on before they killed him. They purchased some Akadama red wine which they immediately began feeding to DIGGS and they drove to an area near Compton and Alondra to perform the contract, but while driving to that area, the Volkswagen became separated from the Cadillac. The Cadillac then drove to the area of the murder and as [redacted] recalled, two .32 caliber Beretta automatics were used to kill DIGGS. [redacted] had one of the weapons and [redacted] had the other, both of which came from JOHN HUGGINS house. After shooting DIGGS, [redacted] kicked DIGGS in the head to make sure that he was dead. [redacted] related that he still has the shoes used by [redacted] that still had blood thereon, if someone had not removed them from his house since his arrest.

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According to plan, DIGGS was eulogized in glowing terms by members of the BPP. However, according to plan, [redacted] BUNCHY CARTER, and ELMER PRATT did not attend the funeral. [redacted] recalled that KATHLEEN CLEAVER came to Los Angeles to attend the funeral. [redacted] stated that in 1968, [redacted] shot a [redacted] office building and absconded with a .38 caliber chrome plated pistol. [redacted]

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further advised that this same pistol was retrieved by the LAPD on a raid at the home of JOHN HUGGINS immediately following the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) shooting.

[ ] advised that the BPP had assigned cadre members at various penal institutions in the state of California. To his knowledge the assignments thus far were [ ] San Quentin; [ ] Soledad; [ ] and [ ] at DVI. In regard to prisons, [ ] further stated that disturbances were planned for the summer of 1971. However, ELMER PRATT has encouraged "cooling it" until September. b6 b7C

[ ] further advised that [ ] and an unknown individual who recently subpoenaed [ ] as a witness to his trial, are planning an escape from Department 74, Los Angeles Superior Court.

According to [ ] [ ] told [ ] that [ ] is currently residing in Riverside, California.

[ ] recalled that he had heard that ELDRIDGE CLEAVER had talked about a black liberation army before CLEAVER went into exile in Algeria.

After PRATT was returned to Los Angeles, California following his arrest in Dallas, Texas, PRATT related to [ ] that he was going into the black liberation army and that the black liberation army was going into the High Sierra mountains and engage in para-military training to learn how to effectively kill police officers and other members of the establishment.

[ ] related that [ ] bag was to kill off security guards. He stated that FREEMAN was in fact with ROMAINE FITZGERALD during the murder of a Compton-California ~~murder of a security guard~~ for which FITZGERALD was later convicted. b6 b7C

[ ] stated that he was present when [ ] RONALD JOHNSON [ ] stated that JOHN HUGGINS hated helicopters and the Good Year Blimp and frequently took pot shots of the blimp; Los Angeles enforcement helicopters as they flew overhead.

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[redacted] further related that [redacted] is incarcerated at CMC East and that he had heard through the prison grapevine that the brother wants to [redacted]. [redacted] related that the night HUEY P. NEWTON became involved in a shootout with the Oakland Police Department, NEWTON immediately proceeded to DAVID HILLIARDS home, gave the weapon he utilized to HILLIARD and told HILLIARD to bury the weapon in the yard in the back of his house.

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Relative to a robbery of nine M-16 automatic rifles taken from Camp Pendleton, California in July 1970, [redacted] stated that four black Marine enlisted men perpetrated the robbery and stole the weapons. Thereafter, the weapons were brought to Los Angeles, California by [redacted] the weapons to ELMER PRATT and [redacted]. Then the weapons [redacted] and then possibly [redacted]. Thereafter, they came into the [redacted].

From conversations [redacted] has had with PRATT, PRATT has given [redacted] every reason to believe that he, PRATT, will never go to prison on any of the crimes that he is presently charged with.

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[redacted] has been advised that [redacted] is quitting his present employment as a member of the press, and has sent a message through [redacted] to PRATT not to worry because he would not go to the penitentiary. [redacted] related that as long as [redacted] were on the stand, PRATT would be freed before he reached prison, possibly when he is enroute to prison on a Los Angeles Sheriff's Office bust.

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[redacted] advised that when ELMER PRATT fled the State of California, he went by commercial bus line to Detroit, then Kansas City and finally Dallas, and at everyone of these stops there was some BPP underground member to meet him. [redacted] further advised that in [redacted] beat severely and robbed a coin collector on Century Boulevard and thereafter utilized the coins for spending money.



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NOTHING FOUND REGARDING PRATT  
AND THE SANTA MONICA SHOOTINGS, OR  
TRAVEL OF PRATT TO OAKLAND  
ON 12/18/68, OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION  
REFLECTING TRAVEL OF "OTHER BPP MEMBERS"  
SHORTLY THEREAFTER. (SER. 55 AND 63A)

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Los Angeles, California

December 30, 1968

On Thursday, 12/26/68, [redacted] JOHN HUGGINS [redacted]

[redacted] were advised by BUNCHIE, who is also known as ALPRENTICE CARTER, that on Friday, 12/27/68, they were to travel to Oakland, California to meet with members of the Black Panther Party Central Committee.

HUGGINS [redacted] in the Los Angeles BPP (LA-BPP), [redacted] is a First Lieutenant in charge of Security for the LA-BPP.

[redacted] the LA-BPP, was not instructed to go to Oakland. It is believed that [redacted] may soon be [redacted] the Los Angeles Chapter, due to his personal involvement with several women members and because of the suspicion by the other leaders of the LA-BPP that he is a "communist".

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It was later determined that HUGGINS did not make the trip to the Oakland area on 12/27/68. [redacted] went

by themselves, and they made the trip in a [redacted]

[redacted] They left Los Angeles on 12/27/68, and drove to the Oakland-San Francisco area, staying until the night of Sunday, 12/29/68. They arrived back in Los Angeles at 3:00 A.M., 12/30/68.

Upon arriving in the Oakland area, they first visited with a BPP female member by the name of [redacted] (Phonetic), who actually resides in an area known as Marine City. [redacted] as formerly attached with the LA-BPP, but left the Los Angeles area about three weeks ago.

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FBI had recently interviewed him about his activities, and that they knew all about his purchase of guns from Nevada. [ ] also stated that he had just returned from "the East", and that while he was in New York City, New York, he had seen ELDRIDGE CLEAVER.

[ ] was met by [ ] on both Saturday and Sunday night (12/28 & 29/68). He met them in a house located next door to a community center of some sort. The house where they met was numbered 690. The name of the street on which the house was located is not known.

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HILLIARD sent [ ] they obtained eight sticks of dynamite, with fuse. [ ] did not have any caps to go with the dynamite. The LA-BPP will obtain the caps from the Brown Berets, and it is believed they will get them from some place in Arizona.

[ ] is a Negro male, about [ ] years of age, about 5 feet 10, 195 to 215 pounds, light complexion, light-colored eyes, wears his hair in a natural, has a [ ]

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A BPP national retreat will be held in the Oakland area beginning on HUEY NEWTON'S birthday, and lasting about one week or tendays. Representatives from all BPP Chapters will attend. Will be sometime Jan. 1969

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[ ] the LA-BPP. JOHN HUGGINS has taken [ ] next comes [ ] then [ ]

[ ] and then [ ] will continue as a [ ] but will handle only administrative duties, give speeches, and fulfill social functions. He will make no policy decisions, or issue orders.

The LA-BPP will hold military-type maneuvers on the night of Friday, 1/3/68, at some location in the Mojave Desert. All members of the LA-BPP Central Committee, all Sections Chiefs, and about forty trusted men will participate in the exercise.

The body of FRANK DIGGS, a LA-BPP member of the "underground", was claimed by his brother. This brother, whose name is unknown, had a name different from DIGGS; however, they were real brothers. It seems that both of them were raised in an orphanage, were separated, and then got together again when they grew up. The brother is not a real member of the BPP, but is supposed to be in the "underground".

The BPP "underground" is made up of people who are not actually bona fide members of the BPP. These people do not relate to the BPP ~~publicly~~ publicly. Most of them are older, criminal types. Their reason for being is that in the time of revolution, those persons now known as BPP members will either be killed or driven to the mountains. When this happens, the "underground" is supposed to take over the battle. These people, not being known by the authorities as are the present public members, will be able to do an effective job. The authorities will then have to split their forces and fight on two fronts at the same time; i.e. ~~the BPP~~ against those BPP members who were known previously, and against those who are suspected as being BPP members. It is anticipated that as the authorities do not know anything about the "underground" members, they will hurt a lot of innocent people in trying to identify them. This will, in turn, show the black community that the society is a racist society, and then the black community will unite behind the BPP.

The Los Angeles Police Department raided (FNU)

apartment in Los Angeles, on the night of Thursday, 12/26/68. As a result of the raid they recovered some BPP literature and materials.



## OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1618) Date: 1/29/69  
 FROM: SA [REDACTED]  
 SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED]	Activity of LA-BPP	1/13/69	Writer	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]			

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Informant's report has been Xeroxed and is attached.

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

CC: 4 - SAN FRANCISCO (RM)  
 100- [REDACTED]  
 100- (BOBBY SEALE)  
 100- [REDACTED]  
 100- [REDACTED]

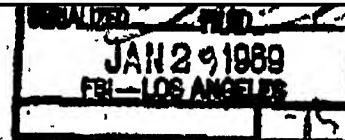
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157-2777 (JOHN HUGGINS)  
 100-72788 (THIRD WORLD COALITION)  
 157-1707 (BSU)  
 157-2501 (ALBERT GARTER)  
 157-3203 [REDACTED]  
 157-2995 [REDACTED]  
 157-3083 [REDACTED]  
 157-2935 (BOBBY SEALE)  
 157-2250 [REDACTED]  
 157-2220 (STOCKPILING OF ARMS  
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Los Angeles, California

January 13, 1969

JOHN HUGGINS is going to meet with members of the THIRD WORLD COALITION in the near future. It is believed that HUGGINS is going to try and arrange some sort of working agreement with this organization.

A rally of sorts was held at South Park, 51st and Avalon, Los Angeles, on Saturday [redacted]. The rally was not a public one, and was attended only by members of the various black nationalist groups of the Los Angeles area, such as the BLACK PANTHER PARTY and the BLACK STUDENTS UNION.

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BUNCHE, also known as AL PRENTICE CARTER, left Los Angeles on the night of 1/9/69, for the Oakland, California area. He returned on the night of Friday, 1/10/69. It is not known at this time why he traveled to Oakland.

On the night of 1/11/69, the [redacted] shot out some street lights in the area of her home. The Los Angeles Police Department interviewed her and [redacted]. She lives on [redacted], in Los Angeles.

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When [redacted] traveled to the Oakland, California area over the weekend of 12/28-29/68, when they obtained some dynamite from an individual known as [redacted] and some guns from [redacted]

[redacted] they were introduced to an individual with [redacted]. This person was introduced as [redacted]. He was not further identified. It could have been [redacted].

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DETAILS: The passages referred to by Assistant Director [redacted] and marked by him, were obtained by the CID Task Force inquiry into the Pratt conviction at Los Angeles and San Francisco. The items marked by Assistant Director [redacted] were contained in interviews with [redacted] who was interviewed on several occasions as the subject of a racial extremist investigation. In these contacts, Lewis provided information that 1) [redacted] was the individual who was with Elmer Pratt in committing the tennis court murder and robbery. 2) The weapon allegedly used by [redacted] 3) Alprentice Carter, a Black Panther Party (BPP) member, attended a BPP party meeting in December, 1968, at Oakland, California, at which Pratt was also present. Carter made a tape recording at this meeting which related the circumstances of the murder of Frank Diggs, a BPP member, that was also allegedly committed by Pratt. The information obtained during the [redacted] interview was disseminated to local authorities after its receipt. Alprentice Carter was killed on January 17, 1969, on the UCLA Campus and the whereabouts of the tape recording are unknown. It should be noted informant information uncovered during the Task Force review indicated [redacted] Alprentice Carter, was possibly the number 2 man in the tennis court murder. [redacted] were considered suspects by the Santa Monica Police Department and were questioned, but not charged. No information was developed by the Task Force review that positively identifies the second individual in the tennis court murder.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of SA  dated 7/21/70 at Los Angeles.

Report of SA  dated 8/26/71 at Los Angeles, captioned "ELMER GERARD PRATT; Bufile 176-1351,

Los Angeles file 176-76.

Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 4/19/71, captioned Black Panther Party, RM - BPP.

Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 7/22/71, captioned "Black Extremist Activity, California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo, California, EM", OO: Los Angeles".

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[redacted] the above named cities coordinating the plan. is an associate of ELMER PRATT and is a member of the Black Student Alliance in Los Angeles, California.

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The Black Student Alliance (BSA) was established in Los Angeles as an arena or forum in which Black Student Union (BSU) chapters could exchange ideas, and considers itself a revolutionary organization which intends to intensify the struggle against racism and capitalism using socialistic principles.

The BSU is a student-based black nationalist organization.

According to ELMER PRATT, [redacted] was a student at the same college that PRATT [redacted] also known as [redacted] attended. [redacted] is also going steady with PAM at the present.

All activity being carried out in Atlanta, Georgia, relative to the kidnaping plans is being done by another [redacted]

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Information Regarding  
Santa Monica Murder  
December 17, 1968

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[redacted] advised that the second person involved in the Santa Monica, California tennis court murder of December 17, 1968, for which ELMER PRATT was indicted was an individual named [redacted] (last name unknown), who was arrested with Los Angeles BPP member [redacted] in a stolen 1960 Cadillac automobile.

When PRATT was indicted for the murder, word was passed by the party for [redacted] to leave town.

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*Re* [redacted] Information Concerning the Murder of FRANK DIGGS, Los Angeles BPP Chapter

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] was one of the persons who shot FRANK DIGGS. The other person who was involved in the murder was [redacted]

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*interviewed*

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pyrotechnic devices. As [redacted] recalled, an individual called [redacted] were [redacted] of the Los Angeles BPP at that time. He also went to Section 1-A and met [redacted] and [redacted]

After a period of time, acting in this capacity, CARTER elevated [redacted] to the [redacted] of the BPP Eastside.

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As one of his first acts in this position, [redacted] requested all BPP members who functioned with the party to obtain a weapon and each person was left to his own ingenuity in obtaining his weapon.

[redacted] was elevated to the position of [redacted] and the majority of the meetings of the Los Angeles BPP were held at the residence of [redacted] then residing in the area of [redacted] Los Angeles, California. CARTER required [redacted] to spend a great deal of each day in the study of the works of KARL MARX, and, after a period of time, [redacted] advised [redacted] that he was not in the least interested in communism inasmuch as he did not think that communism could relate to the black man. [redacted] advised that he, CARTER, was grooming [redacted] to be the liaison Panther between the [redacted] of the BPP. CARTER told [redacted] that he should devote as much time as possible to BPP security.

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About this time, according to [redacted] he met ELMER PRATT, who was then functioning as a lieutenant of Security for the BPP on the westside. [redacted] recalled that his first meeting with PRATT must have occurred in about October 1968. On that occasion, the first thing that PRATT told [redacted] was that he, PRATT, was armed with a .45 caliber automatic and he asked [redacted] what kind of a "piece" he possessed. [redacted] advised that he had a .38 caliber revolver and PRATT advised him to give the piece away and he, PRATT, would get him a .45 caliber automatic. PRATT gave [redacted] instructions in the breakdown of the .45 caliber automatic, .45 caliber Thompson sub-machine gun, M-14 rifle, and the M-59.

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a [redacted] who operated in the west side [redacted]  
[redacted] was composed of [redacted]  
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Shortly after the second [redacted]  
[redacted] brother, who was Officer of the Day at the [redacted] Street, began to vacillate in his functions as a BPP officer and the [redacted] were placed on his case. The [redacted] disciplined [redacted] and replaced him with [redacted] as Officer of the Day.

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[redacted] thereafter went to San Francisco and stole a hot Cadillac automobile that he was in when [redacted] and [redacted] were arrested by the LAPD.

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Relating the facts about the [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that BUNCHY CARTER and EVON CARTER came to [redacted] residence located at [redacted] and advised him that PRATT had to leave Los Angeles, California, because of the Santa Monica, California tennis court killing.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] and ELMER PRATT, driving ELMER PRATT's GTO Pontiac convertible, were out "scraping the terrain", as directed by ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, when they came upon a man and woman who were targets of opportunity in a [redacted] in Santa Monica, California. [redacted] and PRATT approached the couple, made an oral demand of money, obtained less than \$20, and [redacted] who was nervous, cocked the hammer of the .38 caliber revolver that he was holding. [redacted] related that the weapon had a hair trigger and [redacted] accidentally discharged the weapon, hitting one of the robbery victims who were both laying in a prone position on the [redacted] PRATT immediately unloaded his .45 caliber automatic at both of the victims, killing the woman and severely injuring the man. They fled the scene in PRATT's Pontiac and the barrel of the .45 caliber pistol ultimately was placed in the rear of a stereo unit in CARTER's house and was later destroyed.

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[redacted] advised that the only BPP members who knew the full facts of the [redacted]  
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[redacted] recalled several trips that he made to Oakland, California, on which occasions he observed the following activities:

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In July 1968, [redacted] traveled to Oakland, California, with BUNCHY CARTER, [redacted] FRANK DIGGS. While at the BPP National Headquarters, they met [redacted] ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, BOBBY SEALE, DAVID HILLIARD, [redacted] BUNCHY CARTER wanted CLEAVER to meet CARTER [redacted] which was the sole purpose for their initial trip to Oakland.

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On this occasion, CLEAVER stressed to the [redacted] that he desired more BPP offices to be opened in Los Angeles, California, targeting the high school youth, which he stated were prime recruiting material, for the BPP rank and file membership.

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During October 1968, [redacted] ELMER PRATT, FRANK DIGGS [redacted] traveled to Oakland, California, in order to [redacted] brother, who was in jail on local charges. On this occasion, they visited CLEAVER in the BPP National Headquarters located on Shattuck Avenue. On this occasion, CLEAVER was writing a book. CLEAVER lectured the group, stating he wanted to hear news about police officers being killed in the Los Angeles area. BOBBY SEALE was present at the meeting and was heavily drinking wine. He was admonished by CLEAVER for setting a bad example for the visiting BPP members.

In November 1968, BUNCHY CARTER, [redacted] ELMER PRATT traveled to Oakland, California, where CARTER was to attend a meeting with the BPP Central Committee. ELMER PRATT [redacted] did not attend this function and stayed with BPP members [redacted] and a [redacted] last name unrecalled.

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During December 1968, [redacted] recalled that he made two trips to Oakland, California.

On the first trip [redacted] BUNCHY CARTER [redacted] traveled to Oakland together. The purpose of the trip was to return



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ELMER PRATT to the Los [redacted] a, inasmuch as PRATT had been residing with [redacted] in the Oakland area. [redacted] explained that this trip was made shortly after ELMER PRATT had been involved in a shooting in Santa Monica, California, where a woman had been fatally injured during a robbery attempt of a [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] recalled that, while they were at DAVID HILLIARD's home, he had a [redacted] and he [redacted] CARTER disciplined [redacted] and, in the process, CARTER struck [redacted] over the head with the butt of a .45 caliber automatic pistol.

During the latter part of December 1968, [redacted] traveled to Oakland, along with BUNCHY CARTER where CARTER made tapes at Father NEIL's Episcopal Church. With BUNCHY CARTER [redacted] during the recording session were [redacted] DAVID HILLIARD, BOBBY SEALE, [redacted]

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As [redacted] recalled, the top floor of the church was utilized in making tape recordings and engaged in group discussions, wherein BUNCHY CARTER went into detail about operations of the Los Angeles BPP chapter, the people he trusted in the party, and plans he had formulated to assassinate members of US.

"US" is a Los Angeles black militant organization. The founder and leader of US is RON KARENGA.

On these occasions, the assembled group sat around the room drinking scotch whisky and BUNCHY would rap about [redacted] On these occasions, DAVID HILLIARD directed CARTER that this could not be done. [redacted] was of the opinion that CARTER did not trust [redacted] and felt that [redacted] was keeping large sums of money in his post office box located at a branch post office near his home. CARTER also discussed in detail the killing of FRANK DIGGS during December 1968 at one of these meetings.

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robbery that occurred during this period of [redacted] inasmuch as the robberies were small in nature and numerous in volume.

He recalled that [redacted] robbed a coin collector doing business on Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, in December 1968, and obtained a quantity of old money including silver dollars and Indian head pennies. [redacted] also obtained two handguns, a .22 caliber pistol, and a P-38 pistol.

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[redacted] also burglarized a number of gun shops in suburban areas of Los Angeles, obtaining a quantity of shotguns and carbines and .38 caliber revolvers.

[redacted] recalled, in December 1968, ELMER PRATT went out on a BPP mission to obtain funds for the Los Angeles BPP coffers. [redacted] did not have a weapon and he borrowed a hair-triggered .38 caliber revolver [redacted] recalled. PRATT and [redacted] searched several places for a robbery victim and they ultimately approached a [redacted] in the Santa Monica, California area, where they observed a [redacted] woman. They robbed these individuals of a small quantity of money and forced [redacted] to assume a prone position on [redacted]. While backing out of the gate of the [redacted] accidentally discharged his weapon and shot one of these individuals. ELMER PRATT, hearing the shot, also fired his weapon, killing the [redacted]. They left victims at the [redacted] for dead.

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[redacted] read in the newspaper subsequent to the incident that the woman had died.

In December 1968, CARTER remarked that he thought DIGGS was becoming paranoid. CARTER observed that DIGGS frequently had large quantities of money and wore new clothes and, for that reason, CARTER was of the opinion that DIGGS was withholding funds belonging to the BPP. For these reasons, CARTER obtained a contract for FRANK DIGGS.

[redacted] recalled that [redacted] were the BPP [redacted] who perpetrated the killing. DIGGS was transported in a 1961 Cadillac automobile which had previously been stolen in the San Francisco - Oakland, California area. Immediately after DIGGS was shot, he was kicked in the head and his skull was crushed while he lay on the ground. [redacted] was the individual who kicked DIGGS [redacted] wearing shoes that he had borrowed from [redacted] which he returned to [redacted] with blood on the shoes.

In December 1968, [redacted] accompanied ALPRENTICE CARTER to Oakland, California for a meeting with BPP National officials. The meeting was conducted in Father EARL NEIL's Episcopal Church, Oakland, California, and those present included [redacted] CARTER, [redacted] BOBBY SEALE, DAVID HILLIARD [redacted]

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At this meeting, CARTER made a tape setting forth the facts surrounding the above described shooting in Santa Monica, California, by ELMER PRATT [redacted] CARTER also set forth information in the tape regarding BPP members in Los Angeles, California, who could be trusted and he related the incident of FRANK DIGGS' killing, above described.

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Immediately after the Santa Monica shooting incident above described, ELMER PRATT went to the Oakland area where he lived with BPP member [redacted] ALPRENTICE CARTER issued the order for ELMER PRATT to go to Oakland in order that he might avoid being suspected by local officials for the murder.

PRATT returned to Los Angeles, California, on or around December 28, 1968, to help formulate the BPP planned attack on US members.

The plan to assassinate members of US was formulated by approximately 15 members of the BPP. Along with [redacted] CARTER

[redacted] ELMER PRATT, JOHN HUGGINS, [redacted] were to be utilized as [redacted] RON KARENGA and other US members. Arms and ammunition

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On March 19, 1969, a review of birth records maintained at the Vital Statistics Bureau, Texarkana, Texas, disclosed a birth certificate, number [redacted] in the name of [redacted]. A review of this certificate disclosed that [redacted]

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On January 18 - 20, 1969, the source described above advised that Elmer Gerard Pratt had taken over the position of Al Prentice Carter as BPP Minister of Defense for Southern California.

On March 21, 1969, a review of the Military Personnel Records on file at the National Personnel Records Center, Military Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that Elmer Gerard Pratt, serial number 18 732 548, enlisted in the U. S. Army on June 7, 1965, at New Orleans, Louisiana. He was honorably released from active duty on May 27, 1968, as a Sergeant (E-5) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was transferred to the U. S. Army Reserve to complete his military obligation.

These records indicate that Pratt is presently serving in the U. S. Army Reserve Control Group, Reinforcement, USAAC, St. Louis, Missouri, until terminal date of reserve obligation which is shown as June 6, 1971.

These records indicate Pratt's military occupations as Armor Intelligence Specialist, Gunner, and Assistant Squad Leader. Records indicate he completed Basic Airborne Training, Advanced Individual Combat Training, and Chemical Biological Radiology Training. He served in Vietnam on two occasions and was awarded the Soldiers Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy, the Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal,

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Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Sharpshooter Badge (Rifle M-14), and the Expert Badge (Rifle M-16). His character and efficiency ratings were excellent and there was no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

He was given CO Non-Judicial Punishment on October 25, 1966, for failure to be at appointed place of duty on October 22, 1966. Punishment imposed was reduction to grade PFC (E-3), suspended for a period of sixty days and forfeiture of thirty-one dollars per month for one month.

He was granted a confidential clearance with the 82nd Airborne Division, February 16, 1967.

There was no indication in the records that he received specialized training in demolitions or explosives.

The following background information is contained in the records:

Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Race  
Sex  
Blood Group  
Distinguishing  
Marks  
Education

Address

Father

Mother

September 13, 1947  
Morgan City, Louisiana

Negro

Male

"O"

Birthmark: left arm

Sumpter High School, Morgan  
City, Louisiana  
217 Third Street, Morgan City,  
Louisiana (4/65)  
Jack Pratt, 217 Third Street,  
Morgan City (1965)  
Sumpter Pratt same address

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706 sub 26)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1618)  
RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTER

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), captioned as above.

Two copies for San Francisco.

No local dissemination being made.

LA T-40 is permanent T symbol for [redacted] a highly sensitive source.

The attached LHM has been classified confidential to protect the source whose identification or compromise could adversely affect the National Defense.

In view of the information from [redacted] set out in the attached LHM, it is requested that no dissemination be made outside the Department at this time.

Information in the attached LHM may reflect upon the current intrigue surrounding possible existence of a clique within the Black Panther Party (BPP) and the problems being encountered by [redacted]

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LA T-40 did not know the future use of the bonds if a release was secured.

LA T-40 advised that [redacted] Deputy Minister of Information, Raymond Hewitt, Minister of Education and [redacted] were going to talk to [redacted] who was currently in the Los Angeles County Jail, following his extradition from Texas.

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LA T-40 later advised that [redacted] Hewitt [redacted] made plans to fly to Oakland, California, to confer with David Hilliard on January 16, 1971, about the political prisoner problem.

[redacted] advised that he had been visited by [redacted] Hewitt [redacted]. They were specifically interested in what had transpired in Dallas, Texas, prior to Elmer Pratt's arrest. [redacted] advised that he told them about statements made to him by Pratt, how he (Pratt) would take care of the national leaders by acts of violence if necessary. [redacted] said they wanted to know if he [redacted] had any knowledge where Pratt had his weapons while he was active Deputy Minister of Defense. [redacted] said he did not, but that only [redacted] had access to that information.

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[redacted] related an incident which occurred on one occasion when Pratt had been summoned to the BPP National office in Oakland. Pratt was under discipline for some reason. He and [redacted] Assistant Chief of Staff, went for a ride together after which it was implied that Pratt had done some act to redeem himself. During that ride, Pratt had been instructed to tell Hewitt the location of any weapon caches. Pratt ultimately did not.

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[redacted] said that they seemed very interested in the fact that when [redacted] Los Angeles member currently assigned to National, travelled to Dallas on December 5, 1970, she and Pratt disappeared for the day. [redacted] could offer no information as to what [redacted] and Pratt did or what information was passed between them.

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*date 2 interviews?  
12/8/70 post arrest  
at Dallas.*

Los Angeles, California  
January 5, 1971

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

An appendix page for the Black Panther Party (BPP)  
is attached.

LA T-33 has furnished reliable information in the  
past.

LA T-33 previously advised that [redacted]  
directed the building of fortifications in the BPP head-  
quarters at [redacted] LA-T-33  
advised that [redacted] also participated in the construction of  
fortifications in San Francisco and is believed to have  
traveled to other BPP offices where he also constructed  
fortifications.

[redacted] was arrested on [redacted]  
in Dallas, Texas, by Special Agents of the FBI, based upon a  
Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Conspiracy to Commit  
Murder warrant.

[redacted] waived extradition and was transported to  
Los Angeles, California, by members of the Los Angeles Police  
Department.

An interview of [redacted] is as follows:

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY RC  
DATE 10-18-78

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ON 10-6-78

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from San Francisco to Los Angeles via a commercial airline.  
[redacted] did not know the destination of these explosives.

[redacted] stated that ELMER PRATT was in charge of all gun traffic for the BPP in Southern California. [redacted] SANDRA PRATT were believed by [redacted] to have knowledge of some of ELMER PRATT's activities. PRATT was very security conscious of his gun running activities and very few people knew where the weapons were located, their origin, or their disposition. [redacted] advised that DAVID HILLIARD had admonished PRATT for not keeping RAYMOND HEWITT apprised of the locations and other facts pertaining to BPP weapons, demolitions and activities. [redacted] stated that PRATT and [redacted] had secreted weapons in the Los Angeles, California area and that this is known by DAVID HILLIARD, who is very displeased because PRATT alone controls the weapons and has given instructions to [redacted] not to violate this confidence.

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[redacted] advised that ELMER PRATT told him that PRATT and ALPRENTICE CARTER were involved in a murder where a man and woman were shot to death in a wooded area. [redacted] stated PRATT did not say where it occurred or exactly what time the event took place, but that it had to be prior to January 1969 because that is when CARTER was killed. [redacted] said that PRATT told him that both he and CARTER had their guns pointed at the victims and that CARTER hesitated. PRATT bragged that he pushed CARTER aside and shot the female seven times with an automatic. PRATT told him that the expended cases from the automatic were left at the scene but that PRATT did not worry about fingerprints on the expended cases due to the oil and gases on the expended cartridges. [redacted] recalled another incident which might have been related to this which occurred on January 17, 1969. [redacted] said that the day they were arrested was the day CARTER was killed in Los Angeles, and that earlier that day PRATT had removed the barrel from a .45 caliber automatic and hid it in the back of a stereo set in the apartment of [redacted] [redacted] said that the barrel was not located when the LAPD searched the house and, when PRATT later got out of jail, he obtained the barrel and gave it to [redacted] to destroy. [redacted] added that

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*Intg interview?  
Post 1/18/70*

PRATT told him about this murder escapade while he was with him in Marshall, Texas in November 1970.

Because of the length of the interview, it was suggested that [ ] be allowed to rest and later work on diagrams of the [ ] National Office and be recontacted for further interview.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Intelligence Policy and Review

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 13, 1995

TO: Robert Comforti  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: *WR* Richard Scruggs  
Counsel for Intelligence Policy  
Office of Intelligence Policy and Review

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*Old p. 2*

Bob, once again, I need to ask for your help. I received the following letter from the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office which asks two questions. The answer to (1) used to be as stated in the letter and the answer to (2) should be yes, the March 28, 1968 entry relates only to SF 3215-7 not to SF 3117-8. Could you have someone confirm this so that I can respond (or the FBI can respond if you prefer).

is out of town so I routed this to you.  
Thanks much for your help.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
BUREAU OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS

GIL GARCETTI • District Attorney  
SANDRA L. BUTTITTA • Chief Assistant District Attorney

R. DAN MURPHY • Director

March 22, 1995

Richard Scruggs  
Assistant to the Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Attorney General  
10th Pennsylvania Avenue  
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Richard:

In re Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, LASC No. A267020

We have received copies of the declassified documents from the FBI Los Angeles [redacted]  
[redacted] Thanks for your efforts in getting this packet to us. We would also like to  
thank you for all of your work and efforts on our behalf. We would especially like to  
praise and thank Special Agent [redacted] for the extraordinary efforts he went  
to in helping us while we were in Washington D.C. We also appreciate all the follow-up  
work Agent [redacted] accomplished for us as a result of our telephonic requests.

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There are a couple of additional matters that we would like to clarify. On May 18, 1994,  
[redacted] and myself had a telephone conversation with you. An issue that we  
discussed, based upon a question we raised with you during a previous conversation, was  
a request that you try and determine the identity of two FBI agents who were present  
during the exchange of a letter between [redacted]

[redacted] During the May 18th conversation you said that the FBI had the letter  
exchange information. On September 9, 1994, [redacted] and myself had a  
telephone conversation with Special Agent [redacted] An item that we discussed  
during that conversation was the May 18th conversation we had with you. Agent [redacted]  
said that the information the FBI had regarding the letter exchange was documentation  
that established when the FBI gained knowledge about the letter. It is our understanding  
that the FBI has been unable to determine what FBI Agents, if any, were present during  
the exchange of the letter between [redacted]

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[redacted] We are requesting that you confirm, in writing, whether our understanding is  
accurate or not.

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Los Angeles, CA 90014-3570  
(213) 974-2554

Richard Scruggs  
Page Two  
March 22, 1995

Additionally, we recently received a letter from [redacted] that included an FBI document (see attached) that we had never seen. [redacted] claims that this FBI document demonstrates that the FBI had installed its own wiretap on the Black Panther San Francisco office on [redacted]. The wiretap was designated SF 3117-8. On Friday, March 17, 1995, I had a telephone conversation with Special Agent [redacted] about the FBI document in question. After the conversation, it is our understanding that on the first page of the document, second paragraph, the semi-colon after the date [redacted] signifies that the language [redacted]

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(2) [redacted] relates only to tesur SF 3215-? and not to tesur SF 3117-8. Please confirm, in writing, whether our understanding is accurate or not.

We appreciate your help in this additional request. We would like to resolve this case as quickly as possible and our efforts to do so depend upon your prompt response to our request.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me:

Very truly yours,

GIL GARCETTI  
District Attorney of  
Los Angeles County

[redacted]  
Deputy district Attorney  
Habeas Corpus Litigation Team

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c: [redacted] Assistant District Attorney  
Roger J. Gunson, Director, BSO

[redacted] Appellate Division

TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

CLASSIFICATION: UnclasDATE: 6/7/95

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Los Angeles (62A-HQ-1073771)

ELMER PRATT, AKA GERONIMO;  
 INQUIRY OF GIL GARCETTI,  
 LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY;  
 OO: HQ (62A-HQ-1073771)

Re: Los Angeles airtel to Director, dated 5/3/95.

Referenced Los Angeles airtel forwarded four boxes of documents to FBIHQ, containing material previously released to the California Attorney General's Office in Habeas Corpus and civil discovery proceedings concerning Pratt. Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (LADAO) representative [redacted] reviewed this material at the LA office on 5/1/95, and selected 47 pages for copying and dissemination to the LADAO.

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This matter has been coordinated with the Information Resources Section, Civil Discovery Unit (CDU), Room 5442, Supervisor [redacted] extension 3558. As a result of a review of the 47 selected pages, the CDU determined that there were no prohibitions against dissemination of the requested pages to the LADAO and that this material had been appropriately declassified and redacted by the Freedom of Information Section.

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 [redacted] will forward copies of the 47 pages directly to LADAO. The four boxes of documents are being returned to your office for disposition to the California Attorney General's Office. Future requests of a similar nature may be coordinated with the CDU, to minimize any delay in responding to the LADAO.

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(Attention: PLA [redacted])

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JUDICIARY

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4502

To: [redacted]  
 From: Tim Rieser  
 Staff, Senator Leahy  
 Date: June 5, 1995  
 Re: Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt

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Dear [redacted]

The three areas of concern that I would like to discuss are as follows:

1. According to an FBI document, tesur number SF 3117-S recorded conversations of a Mr. Stewart Albert on Sept. 21, 1968 and Oct. 31, 1968. (Mr. Albert was not the target of this tesur.) The same document indicates that Mr. Albert was also recorded on tesur number SF 3215-P on the [redacted]

2. According to FBI documents, the FBI in San Francisco provided the Oakland Police Department with monthly payments in connection with the Oakland PD's wiretap of the BPP. A December 31, 1968 FBI memo indicates such a payment for that month.

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3. Redacted FBI memos dated May 6, 1969 and June 5, 1969 refer to subject number 157-3447. An FBI memo dated [redacted]

Please give me a call. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

*Tim Rieser*  
 Tim Rieser

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file to. 62A-HQ-1073771



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

June 16, 1995

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[Redacted]

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office  
849 S. Broadway, 11th Floor,  
Los Angeles, California 90014

Re: In re Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, LASC No. A267020

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Dear [Redacted]

This letter is to confirm your May 22 and May 31, 1995, telephone conversations with Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [Redacted] and to provide follow-up to my March 30, 1995, letter to your office concerning the FBI's review of files and documents relevant to Pratt. In addition, this letter transmits documents responsive to your May 1, 1995, request of the FBI's Los Angeles field office, for copies of certain FBI documents formerly in the possession of the California Attorney General's Office. The Civil Discovery Review Unit at FBIHQ has reviewed the documents which you marked for copying, and has determined that they are suitable for dissemination to your office. These documents consist of 47 pages you selected during your May 1, 1995, review at the Los Angeles (LA) field office.

In your May 31, 1995, conversation with SSA [Redacted] you requested elaboration of the process conducted by the FBI relevant to a search for FBI tape recordings for the period November 15, 1968 through December 20, 1968. As you recall, a cooperating individual consented to the FBI's monitoring of [Redacted]

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[Redacted] In my May 30, 1995, letter, I advised that FBI records did not reflect the production or retention of any transcripts or

1 - Mr. Conforti

1 - [Redacted]  
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1 - [Redacted]  
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APPROVED: [Signature]  
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Deputy Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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tape recordings germane to that monitoring. Further, in a September 16, 1980, interview of former Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] stated that he recalled possible tape recordings of the monitoring but stated that he could not recall if these were retained after pertinent information had been reviewed and disseminated. [redacted] also stated in this interview that no [redacted]

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In an effort to identify any possible recordings or transcripts produced from this monitoring, FBI indexes were searched for a record of this consensual telephone monitoring. This review disclosed no record of any transcripts or recordings of the telephone interception regarding this individual or the [redacted]. The FBI's LA field office advised that all of their [redacted] tapes were archived at the Western Regional Computer Support Center (WRCSC), Pocatello, Idaho. The records located at the WRCSC were searched for any tape recordings pertinent to this issue. The WRCSC specifically looked for tape recordings associated to this consensual monitoring, however, none were located, nor were any others identified for the period of November through December 1968. Further, the tape recordings [redacted] showed a date range of [redacted]

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I hope that the above information will assist you in the completion of your review concerning Pratt. Please feel free to contact my office at any time should you require any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

*RSC/skw*

Robert S. Conforti  
Section Chief  
Violent Crimes and Major  
Offenders Section  
Criminal Investigative Division

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- 1 - SAC, Los Angeles (Information)
- 1 - Mr. Richard Scruggs  
Assistant to the Attorney General  
Department of Justice

NOTE: On 12/1/93, Los Angeles District Attorney (LADA) Garcetti wrote a letter to Attorney General (AG) Reno requesting that she assist the LADA in determining if the FBI has in its possession any information which will impact on a habeas corpus petition from Elmer Pratt, an incarcerated California prisoner and "cause celebre."

The Violent Crimes/Fugitive Unit (VC/FU) conducted a review of pertinent FBI files dealing with Elmer Pratt, which files were situated in the FBI field offices at Los Angeles (LA), San Francisco (SF), and FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). This review also included files reporting the results of previous inquiries into this matter, including those related to the 1980 Pratt Task Force report. Responses regarding this matter were transmitted to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (LADAO), Department of Justice, and affected FBI offices on 3/15/95, 12/9/94, and 10/20/94, 12/9/94, 3/15/95 and 3/30/95.

This letter transmits updated information to the LADAO, concerning their request for copies of FBI documents and clarification of the FBI's search for Pratt related tapes at the WRCS.

On 3/23/95, Richard Cullather, California Attorney General's Office, contacted the FBI and advised that LADAO Assistant District Attorney [REDACTED] requested access and copies of certain FBI documents which were in the possession of the California AG's Office because of their previous Habeas Corpus reviews. Cullather advised that he was unsure if he had the authority to make this dissemination and requested that the FBI review the documents for a determination as to their suitability for dissemination. On 5/1/95, [REDACTED] reviewed these documents at the LA field office and marked 47 pages of the total for copying. By airtel dated 5/3/95, the LA field office forwarded to FBIHQ the four boxes of assorted documents received from the California AG's office. On 6/5/95, the Civil Discovery Unit (CDU), FBIHQ, reviewed the 47 marked pages and advised that these had been previously declassified and approved for dissemination by the Freedom of Information Privacy Act section. CDU advised that there were no prohibitions regarding providing copies of the 47 pages to the LADAO. This matter was coordinated with LA Principal Legal Advisor [REDACTED] and CDU Supervisor [REDACTED]

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TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER

Date 10-18-79

Subject Black Panther Party

Social Security Account #

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TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER

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D. Following the receipt of information to the effect that [REDACTED] was the second person involved in the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This information was disseminated to the LAPD on 3/29/71. (Exhibit XIII. - D).

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Exhibit II

Documents 470 through 564

Re: Elmer G. Pratt v. FBI, et al  
Civil Action Number 78-1688



FBI

Date: 8/21/69

Transmit the following in

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informant advised that he is no longer a member of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party (BPP).

[REDACTED] informant stated that he will not return to the party at this time. It was his opinion that to rejoin the organization at this time would mean falling under the direction of ELMER GERARD PRATT, Deputy Minister of Defense for Southern California. The informant refused to do this inasmuch as he considers PRATT to be "paranoid" and that PRATT would "have him in the street with a gun" and he wants no part of this activity.

The source stated that he expects that PRATT, himself, will be replaced within two or three months either by officials of the BPP or as a result of action taken against him by police authorities. When this occurs, informant stated he would be willing to return to the party. In addition, the informant advised that it was his opinion that the BPP in Los Angeles is "falling apart" under the leadership of PRATT [REDACTED]. He stated that numerous members have resigned because of the direction the party has taken under PRATT.

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2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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MR. TATUM SECT.

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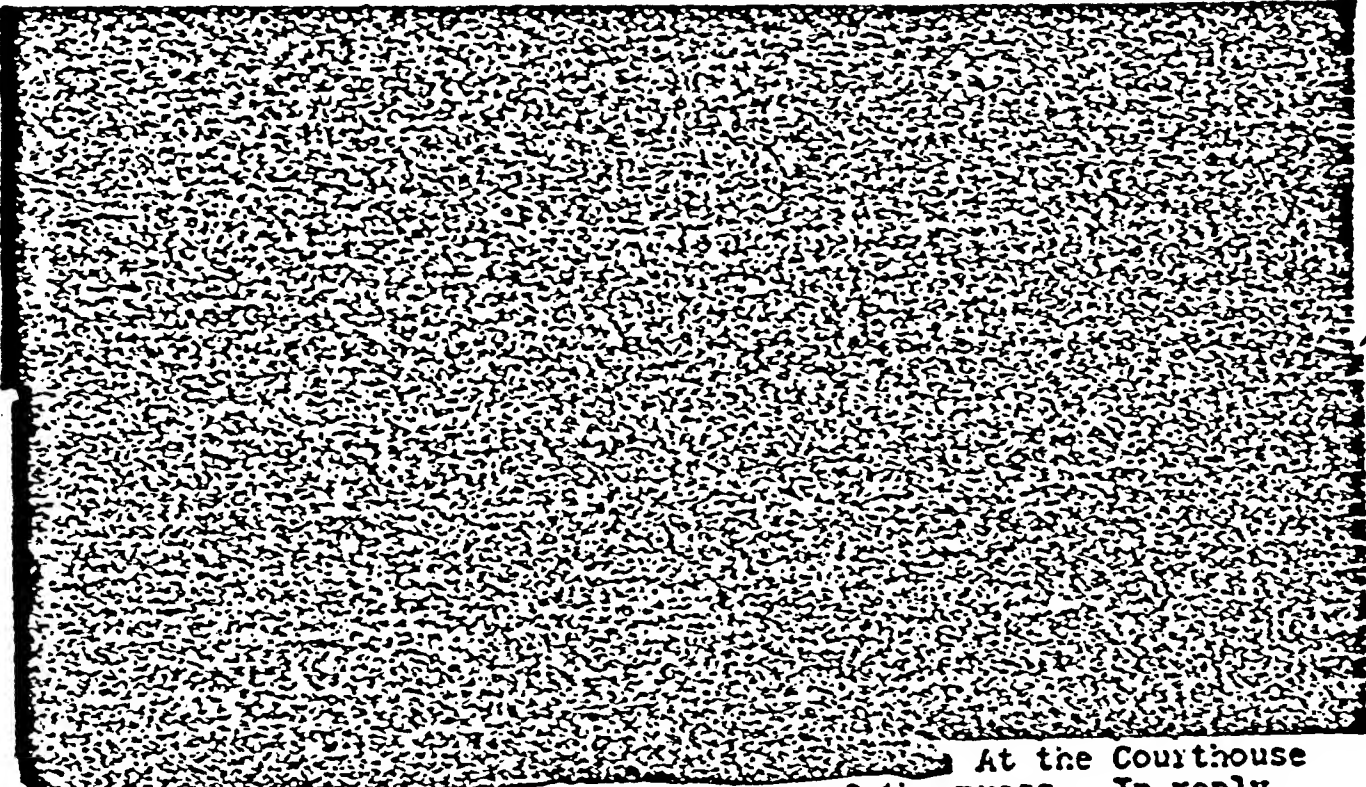
Exhibit JJ

Documents 565 through 657A

Re: Elmer G. Pratt v. FBI, et al  
Civil Action Number 78-1688

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At the Courthouse Cleaver was questioned by members of the press. In reply to one question she stated she would be in Los Angeles as long as the attorneys believed necessary for her part in the trial. Cleaver then entered the trial. 722

~~REDACTED~~ who is assigned to attend the trial, advised that Kathleen Cleaver testified on behalf of Elmer Pratt. She stated that Pratt had been in the San Francisco area from December 13 to the 25, 1968. Pratt is accused of murdering an individual on December 18, 1968, in the Los Angeles area. ~~REDACTED~~ stated that Pratt also testified as to his presence in San Francisco. 7D

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5/15/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (190-874) (P) (2, Legal Section)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN PAUL W. MC CLOSKEY (California)  
Allegations regarding misuse of the  
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)  
Pertaining to request of  
ELMER "GERONIMO" PRATT

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, dated 4/23/79.

A comprehensive indices search for information in our files pertaining to PRATT produced no record of any main file or reference mentioning him as early as December 18, 1968. San Francisco's first file mention of PRATT is dated March 19, 1969.

ELSUR indices were also searched and produced no overbear or mention of the subject as early as December 18, 1968. San Francisco's first ELSUR reference to PRATT is dated 1/2/69.

In addition, San Francisco file number 157-1204, titled, "Black Panther Party; Racial Matter; OO: SAN FRANCISCO" was reviewed for the period December 1, 1968 through February 28, 1969. No information concerning PRATT's location or activities on December 18, 1968 was located.

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1 - San Francisco

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No information was located indicating that other offices would have any knowledge pertinent to this inquiry.

IV. WHEREABOUTS OF ELMER PRATT ON OR ABOUT 12/18/68

Source indicates that Geronimo "... as of 12/20/68 ... arrived in Oakland ... as of 12/23/68 ... he was still in Oakland ... hiding from someone ..." (Exhibit IV. - A)

Source indicates that Geronimo was in LA, 1/1/69 and is "clean shaven." (Exhibit IV. - B)

whs → Source indicates that the tennis court murder was one of many training missions on which Pratt took the Panthers. (Exhibit IV. - C)

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III. WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED]  
ON OR ABOUT 12/18/68

In order to make this determination, full Elsur and indices searches were conducted on the ten (10) witnesses and the groups with which they were associated.

The subsequent discoveries included:

EXHIBIT III - A:

Source reported that his visit to the campus of San Francisco State College (SFSC) at San Francisco on 12/18/68 revealed that the school was on Christmas vacation and no activity was observed nor planned until after 1/1/69.

This appears to conflict with the claim that Pratt and others attended a Black Student Union (BSU) meeting at SFSC on 12/18/69.

EXHIBIT III - B & C:

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This would discount the contention that Pratt and others were at a BPP function in the San Francisco Bay area, 12/18/68.

EXHIBIT III - D:

Source reports that on the evening of 12/18/68, Bobby Seale, after picking up several people, including Kathleen Cleaver, went to the residence of [REDACTED] at 7:30 p.m. (12/18/68). b7C

*we do not have E.P. A, B or C.*

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12/18/88  
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EXHIBIT III - E:

[redacted] Pratt  
murder trial [redacted] that Pratt was attending a BPP  
conference in Oakland, California, at the time of the  
murder.

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EXHIBIT III - F:

Kathleen Cleaver later testified that she  
too was present with Pratt at the [redacted]  
[redacted] She further stated that Pratt was in San Francisco  
area from December 13 - 25, 1968 (P. 5).

EXHIBIT III - G:

Source places Pratt in Los Angeles at meeting  
with Eldridge Cleaver on or about 12/20/68.

EXHIBIT III - H & I:

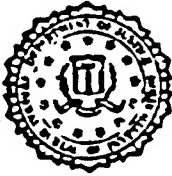
Source placed David Hilliard at BPP National  
Headquarters in Oakland on 12/18/68.

EXHIBIT III - J & K:

Sources report that Kathleen Cleaver went to  
Los Angeles the evening of 12/23/68 and was expected to  
return to San Francisco 12/26/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
January 18, 1972

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION  
EXTREMIST MATTERS**

Records of the Los Angeles County Superior Court disclosed that a verdict was reached on December 23, 1971, in the trial involving twelve Black Panther Party members.

The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a black extremist organization started in Oakland, California, in December 1966. It advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics to bring about the overthrow of the United States Government.

The twelve BPP members had been charged with numerous violations of state law resulting from an early morning raid on December 3, 1969, by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on three BPP locations in Los Angeles.

The Superior Court records disclosed the following verdict and January 13, 1972, sentencing of each defendant:

[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess illegal weapons; sentenced to three years probation, nine months in the Los Angeles County Jail, less five months served.

[redacted] is a member of the BPP loyal to Huey P. Newton, head of the Oakland BPP.

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[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess illegal weapons; three years probation, one year in the Los Angeles County Jail, less seven months served.

[redacted] is a member of the BPP loyal to Huey P. Newton.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION  
EXTREMIST MATTERS**

[redacted] not guilty on all charges.

[redacted] was a member of the BPP, but is reportedly loyal to Elmer Pratt, former BPP Deputy Minister of Defense who was expelled from the BPP.

[redacted] not guilty on all charges.

[redacted] was a member of the BPP, but is reportedly loyal to Elmer Pratt.

[redacted] not guilty on all charges.

[redacted] was a member of the BPP, but is reportedly loyal to Elmer Pratt.

[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess illegal weapons; sentenced to three years probation.

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[redacted] was a member of the BPP, but is reportedly loyal to Elmer Pratt.

[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess illegal weapons; sentenced to three years probation, conditioned upon his serving six months in the Los Angeles County Jail.

[redacted] was a former member of the BPP, and is alleged to be loyal to Elmer Pratt.

Elmer Pratt guilty of conspiracy to possess destructive devices, fire bombs, and a machine gun; sentenced to one to five years in a California State Prison.

Elmer Pratt was Deputy Minister of Defense of the BPP, but was expelled in January 1971, by Huey P. Newton. Pratt subsequently announced his loyalty to Eldridge Cleaver, BPP Minister of Information in Algeria who split from the Newton led BPP.

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
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EXTREMIST MATTERS**

[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess fire bombs;  
sentenced to one to five years in a California State Prison.

[redacted] is a former BPP member reportedly  
loyal to Elmer Pratt.

[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess  
destructive devices and fire bombs; sentenced to one to five  
years in a California State Prison.

[redacted] was a former BPP member  
alleged to be loyal to Elmer Pratt.

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[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess  
illegal weapons; sentenced to three years probation, nine  
months in the Los Angeles County Jail less two months served.

[redacted] is a member of the BPP loyal  
to Huey Newton.

[redacted] guilty of conspiracy to possess  
illegal weapons; sentenced to three years probation and \$500  
fine conditioned that she find employment or go to school.

All those placed on probation are prohibited from  
associating with any organization or individual which advocates  
violence and associating with any organization or individual  
possessing firearms and from personally possessing any firearms.

The defendants were found not guilty on all other  
charges including the more serious charges of conspiracy to  
commit murder and conspiracy to assault police officers with  
a deadly weapon. A hung jury had been declared on the latter  
charge and the Los Angeles County District Attorney did not  
ask for a retrial of that charge.

Defense attorneys have filed motions to appeal the  
convictions.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION  
EXTREMIST MATTERS

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[REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department,  
Criminal Conspiracy Section, advised that of the original  
seventeen BPP members arrested on December 8, 1969, the above  
twelve represent those tried to date. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was a BPP member.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was a BPP member, but  
disappeared in 1970.

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[REDACTED] also advised that Sandra Pratt,  
one of the original defendants, was found shot to death on  
November 5, 1971. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was [REDACTED]  
prosecution.

Sandra Pratt was a BPP member and wife of  
Elmer Pratt.

[REDACTED] was a BPP member.

This document contains neither recommendations nor  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12311)

DATE: 3/8/72

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-3436) (P)

SUBJECT: ELMER GERARD PRATT, aka  
EM - DFF

Re Los Angeles report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/9/72.

For information of the Bureau, Los Angeles Superior Court records as reviewed on 3/7/72, reflect that on 2/15/72, subsequent to a jury deadlock in Department 105 of Los Angeles Superior Court, charges against ELMER PRATT as set forth on page 5, paragraph 2, of Los Angeles report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/22/71, were dismissed. The charge, [REDACTED] from a beating of [REDACTED] an alleged Los Angeles Police Department informant, were dismissed for lack of evidence.

On 3/7/72, [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, [REDACTED] advised that PRATT's trial regarding his participation on the 12/18/68 Santa Monica, California tennis court murder of [REDACTED] wife, has been postponed until 5/1/72.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report prosecutive effort against PRATT.

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1:26PM URGENT 7-28-72 LRS

TO ACTING DIRECTOR (157-12311)

FROM LOS ANGELES IP

ELMER GERARD PRATT, AKA EM - BPP.

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~~REDACTED~~ LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTELLIGENCE,  
ADVISED INSTANT DATE ELMER GERARD PRATT FOUND GUILTY TODAY  
FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1618) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM - BPP

DATE: 9/4/68

JUNE

A review of the activities of the Los Angeles Branch of the Black Panther Party whose main headquarters are in Oakland, California, indicates that this organization is a militant black nationalist group whose leaders and members have displayed a propensity for violence and a tendency to be armed. They advocate a revolutionary change in the United States by means of force, urge the shooting of police as a matter of policy and have encouraged Negroes in the Los Angeles area to riot.

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It is requested authority be granted to conduct a preliminary survey to determine the feasibility of a tesur

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Los Angeles believes utilization of such an investigative technique is necessary in order for this division to adequately fulfill its responsibility in this field and that information obtained from this technique would not be available through other sources or investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (157-1618)

DATE: 9/16/68

FROM : Director, FBI (105-165706)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Provided full security is assured, authority is granted to conduct a preliminary tesur survey concerning the

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R. R. [signature] RHC

See Bob Jacobs

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-10305)

10/18/68

SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1618) (P)

JUNE

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION  
RM - BPP

ReBulet dated 9/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of an FD-142.

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Subject: Black Panther Party

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re BPP tapes

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Date: 6/1/95

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From:

[redacted]  
Western Regional Computer Support Center (WRCSC)

Subject: Black Panther Party

Per your request in March, 1995, we reviewed the reels in each of the 63 boxes of Black Panther Party tapes, file number [redacted] currently stored at the WRCSC. During this search we looked specifically for reels dated November or December, 1968, symbols [redacted] 5205-R [redacted]. At that time no reels were located in that date range or with those symbol numbers.

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On June 1, 1995, a review of random boxes in the above-described case showed the date ranges to be 1969 to 1975, which concurs with our recollection of the previous search. The following symbol numbers were found in the random search, which is not meant to be all inclusive:

[redacted]

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We estimate the number of Black Panther Party tapes currently stored at the WRCSC to be 2,640.

If we can be of any further assistance or if you need further clarification, please give us a call.

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4502

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July 12, 1995

[Redacted]  
Special Agent  
FBI

Pratt, Elmer

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Dear [Redacted]

[Redacted] is trying to locate the December 18, 1968 wiretap log we discussed that you said you would send to me.

On the other issue we talked about -- the FBI memoranda summarizing information obtained from the Oakland PD, I have enclosed several of these memoranda for December 18, 1968. (There are similar memoranda for other days.) It is hard to believe that the FBI relied on the Oakland PD to review the primary source (presumably wiretap tapes or logs) and determine what information would be of interest to the FBI. It is also hard to believe that the Oakland PD was engaging in daily conversations with the FBI to convey so much detailed information. It seems far more likely that the FBI agents involved would have wanted to make their own judgment of what was of interest by reviewing the tapes or logs themselves, on their own time. For this reason, we believe the source of these memoranda deserves further investigation.

On a related matter, we would be interested in knowing for what purpose the FBI paid the Oakland PD \$130 for the month of December 1968. Was it the FBI's practice to pay money for information provided in conversations from a municipal police department?

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

*Tim*  
Tim Rieser

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/15/1995

To: FBI Headquarters

Attn: Violent Crimes/Fugitive Unit

From: San Francisco

Legal Unit

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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File Number(s): 62A-HQ-1073771 (Referred Upon Completion)

Title: ELMER PRATT, aka  
Geronimo;  
INQUIRY OF GIL GARCETTI,  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Synopsis: Response to Bureau airtel, 8/4/95 re Elsur log review.

Enclosures: Serials <sup>2877, 2896</sup> 3275, 3276, 3449 and 3492 from SF Elsur  
control file 66-672B.

Details: San Francisco did not locate any instances where  
[REDACTED] were afforded access to FBI files, other  
than the Dellinger v. Mitchell case. The following actions were  
taken in an effort to find this information:

1. Indices searches were conducted on Huey Newton, San  
Quentin Six and the following individuals consisting of the San  
Quentin Six and associates. With the exception of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] no litigation files were located.

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[REDACTED] (Litigation files 197-182 and 197-112  
Sub B indicated all records were forwarded to the  
Bureau and no individuals were afforded document  
reviews in SF. Additionally, no elsur logs for the  
year 1968 were among records forwarded to the Bureau.)

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To: FBI Headquarters From: San Francisco  
Re: 62A-HQ-1073771, 08/15/1995



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2. Elsur indices were searched for any elsur prior to 1970 on all of the above subjects, with negative results.

3. A hand review of the 157 classification section of SF closed files was conducted in order to locate any elsur subfiles. (Most of the 157 main files have been sent to Pocatello for storage, but all elsur subfiles remain in SF.) The only elsur subfiles within the relevant time period were for files 157-1203 and 157-1204, which have previously been extensively reviewed in this matter.

4. A hand search of 11 volumes of elsur control file 66-672B (vols. 29-39), covering the time frame of 1/18/74 through 12/10/76 was conducted. This review indicated the only instances where individuals came into the SF Division to review elsur logs was for the Dellinger v. Mitchell matter. Copies of serials indicating the specific records which were reviewed are enclosed.

It should be noted that serial 3492, dated 5/26/76, indicates that [redacted] telephonically contacted the SF Division to set up an appointment to review BPP wire tap logs for 4/68. [redacted] was advised at that time that the tap had not gone into operation until 2/26/69. [redacted] stated she had correspondence from the FBI stating there were prior taps of the BPP and that the FBI had admitted to the Church committee that they had been tapping the BPP phones prior to 2/26/69.

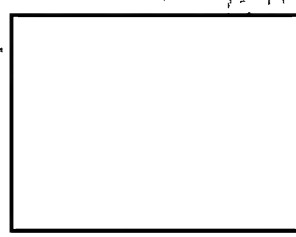
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In view of the above, it appears [redacted] did not personally view an FBI wiretap log dated 12/18/68.

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FROM DIRECTOR (62-112989) 3P

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DAVID T. DELLINGER, ET AL; ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN N.

MITCHELL, ET AL, ALLEGED VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

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SCHOENBROD, [REDACTED]

PERTINENT INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PLAINTIFFS OR THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR THEIR INSPECTION UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROCEDURE. INSURE THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BEFORE THEY ARE GIVEN ACCESS TO THESE MATERIALS. THEY MAY COPY PERTINENT TAPES AND/OR DOCUMENTS, BUT BUREAU HAS NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS

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OR OTHER ASSISTANCE IN THAT REGARD. WHILE THESE PERSONS ARE EXAMINING THESE ITEMS INSURE THAT A SPECIAL AGENT OF YOUR OFFICE IS PRESENT WITH THEM.

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EACH OFFICE ADVISE BUREAU WHEN INITIAL CONTACT MADE BY PLAINTIFFS OR THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THEIR REVIEW. UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR INSPECTION, EACH OFFICE SUBMIT LHM INCORPORATING PERTINENT FACTS REGARDING THEIR INSPECTION, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND TAPES REVIEWED AND COPIED, FOR DISSEMINATION TO CRIMINAL DIVISION.

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (66-672B)

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DAVID T. DELLINGER, ET AL; ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN N. MITCHELL,  
ET AL, ALLEGED VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION CLINIC, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, ADVISED THAT  
HE IS AN ATTORNEY OF RECORD IN CAPTIONED CASE WHICH IS UNITED  
STATES DISTRICT COURT NUMBER 1768-69 IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
AND THAT MR. EDWARD CHRISTENBERY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CIVIL SECTION OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAD  
ARRANGED A REPLY FOR THE GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS SIGNED ON FRIDAY,  
JULY 26, 1974, THAT AFTER REASONABLE NOTICE HE COULD REVIEW  
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THE TRANSCRIPTS ARE LOCATED IN SAN FRANCISCO. [REDACTED] REQUESTED

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Special Agent in Charge

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LIPSET SERVICE  
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2509 PACIFIC AVENUE - SAN FRANCISCO 94115  
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September 15, 1975

Mr. Leo Brenneisen  
FBI  
450 Golden Gate  
P.O. Box 36015  
San Francisco, California 94102

#17198  
RE: DELLINGER vs. MITCHELL

Dear Agent Brenneisen:

Thank you for the courtesy and consideration shown to me over the last few months.

I have reviewed the logs which carry your identification #157-1204  
Sub ? San Francisco for the periods:



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I will let you know if Mr. Garry feels that I should make any further review of your logs.

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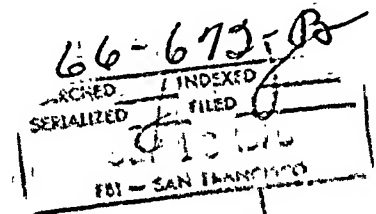
Very truly yours,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SF (66-672B)

DATE: 9/17/75

FROM : SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN

SUBJECT: DAVID DELLINGER VS. JOHN N. MITCHELL  
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On 9/8, 9, 10 and 11/75, [redacted] from Lipset Service representing Attorney CHARLES GARRY, appeared at this office for review of 157-1204 Sub 2. The following volumes were made available to [redacted] 23 - 28, 30 - 33, 37 - 39, 79 - 82.

By letter dated 9/15/75 [redacted] reported that he had reviewed our volumes 23 - 27, 30 - 32, 49 - 59, and 79 - 82. Former SA [redacted] has previously made available to [redacted] volumes 44 through 62. It appears that in addition to the volumes [redacted] stated he reviewed, Volumes 45 through 48, 61 and 62, 28, 37 through 39, were available to him although he states they were not reviewed. Attorney WEINGLASS also reviewed Volume 1 inasmuch as Mr. GARRY's office has recently inquired concerning the possibility of another person reviewing logs. Apparently the plaintiffs are not as yet through with this review, and therefore, no LHM is being prepared at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (67-672B)

DATE: 5/26/76

FROM : SA LEO S. BRENNER

SUBJECT: DAVID DELLINGER;  
BOBBY SEALE;  
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Plaintiffs vs.  
JOHN N. MITHCELL;  
ET AL  
Defendants

On 5/25/76, [redacted] telephone [redacted] of the law firm of CHARLES GEARY, telephonically contacted writer and advised that she had requested an appointment at this office on 5/26/76, to review Black Panther wire tap logs for 4/68.

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[redacted] was questioned as to who had ordered her to review those logs and she said that CHARLES GEARY one of the plaintiff's attorneys had made the request and that she had been cleared by the court to review the logs. It was pointed out to [redacted] that the telephone tap on the Black Panther Party had not gone into operation until 2/26/69, and that LEONARD WEINGLASS, one of the plaintiff's attorneys, had reviewed the first volume of logs on 3/6/75.

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This explanation did not appear to satisfy [redacted] and she claimed that they had correspondence from the FBI stating that there were prior telephone taps of the Black Panther Party and she further claimed that the FBI had admitted to the CHURCH committee that they had been tapping the Black Panther Party phones prior to the date of 2/26/69. [redacted] was stated that there was absolutely no record of any taps in the San Francisco Division prior to 2/69.

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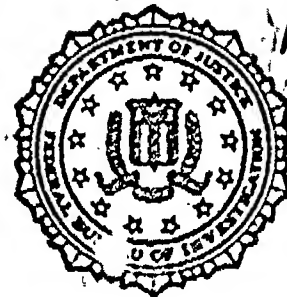
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ELMER PRATT

Transcript. Query re calls on SF 3117-S on 12/18/68  
and any reference to BPP or Pratt.

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Re your request of 6/29/95

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/25/1995

To: DIRECTOR, FBIHQ

Attn: INSPECTIONS DIVISION  
SSA [REDACTED]  
ROOM 7837

From: LOS ANGELES

LEGAL UNIT (78-5)

Contact: CDC [REDACTED] (310) 996-3380

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Approved By: [REDACTED] (CDC)

Drafted By: LGF/lgf

Case ID #: 62-HQ-1073771 (Pending)

Title: ELMER PRATT, AKA GERONIMO; INQUIRY OF GIL GARCETTI, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY; OO: FBIHQ.

Synopsis: Leads as set forth in referenced airtel were negative.

Reference: Bu airtel dated 8/4/95.

## Details:

1.) The previous review for documentation of a surveillance of [REDACTED] which allegedly occurred on or about 8/10/69, was negative and it included the 1A portion of the files.

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2.) Los Angeles was unable to find any documents which reflected that [REDACTED] visited the Los Angeles FBI Office in 1975 for the purpose of reviewing documents in connection with the BLACK PANTHER PARTY and HUEY NEWTON vs. LEVY matters.

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March 29, 1994

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[Redacted]  
Los Angeles District Attorney's Office  
849 S. Broadway  
11th floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90014

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Elmer Pratt

Rec'd from LADAO  
7/15/94

Dear [Redacted]

It has now been over three months since you and I have communicated with each other. Although I've been away in Texas for most of that time, I am up to date on all the correspondence and requests between your office and [Redacted]. I'd like to reiterate the requests made by [Redacted] in his February 18 letter to you. Also, if I may, I'd like to focus in on a particular point contained within [Redacted] request for copies of the [Redacted] file. Up until the present time the FBI and every judicial body who has ruled on the Pratt case have always contended as a fact that

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The Court also published as part of its opinion the FBI's November 9, 1979 factual summary sheet which was attached to Deputy Attorney General Nash's declaration of the same date. The FBI's factual summary sheet said that "A substantive case file was opened in

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Recently I have for the first time come across an FBI memo summarizing a September 16, 1980 interview with former FBI agent

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(see enclosure [redacted] which is obviously a summary of the telephone tap

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An unredacted copy of this FBI memo would very likely reveal that

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And lastly, would it be possible for [redacted] and me to receive

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copies of the [redacted]'s reports on their interviews with [redacted]  
and [redacted] If so, thank you.

[redacted] and I very much look forward to our next meeting with you.  
If we haven't already talked on the telephone about that, could you  
give me an indication when that might happen?

Thank you for the work you and your staff are expending on the  
Pratt review.

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enc: enclosures 1 - 3  
cc: [redacted]



TAMBURELLO  
HANLON  
& WAGGENER

February 18, 1994

Tony Tamburello  
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[redacted]  
District Attorney's Office  
County of Los Angeles  
849 South Broadway, 11th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90014

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RE: Elmer Pratt

Dear [redacted]

I have recently been made aware that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] As you know, [redacted] are two investigators who gave affidavits in 1991 regarding their viewing of F.B.I. wiretap logs which prove that Mr. Pratt was in Oakland at the time of the murder.

I can only assume that the investigation now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation is being done at your behest. Obviously, we are very glad that you have made these requests of the F.B.I. and that they are honoring them.

Since there appears to be some spirit of cooperation between your office and the F.B.I., I am making the following requests:

1. With regard to these wiretaps, I am requesting that you ask the F.B.I. to turn over to you any documents -- including wiretap logs, memoranda, or actual wiretap tapes -- regarding any F.B.I. wiretap of any Black Panther Party person's residence or headquarters in Oakland, San Francisco or Los Angeles during the month of December, 1968. Even though I am sure some documentation may now be missing or destroyed, I am confident the F.B.I. would have some records of all of the wiretaps at the Black Panther locations in the cities mentioned above.

2. With regard to [redacted] I am requesting that you ask the F.B.I. to turn over all of the [redacted] in an un-deleted form, to you. In particular, I think it would be extremely helpful if the F.B.I. would turn over un-deleted copies of the [redacted] documents we attached as Exhibit 1 to [redacted] report. Though we are

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particularly interested in these two documents, I believe the request should include [redacted] file (157 file), as well as [redacted]

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We would not object to you requesting any other files or documents from the F.B.I. that you believe are relevant.

I am confident that the documents requested in this letter, if produced in their un-deleted form, would help resolve many of the issues that have been raised involving Mr. Pratt's case, the F.B.I.'s role in that case, and the ultimate question of whether or not Mr. Pratt is innocent and received a fair trial in 1972.

Since the documents requested herein are between 22 and 27 years old, I cannot believe that their production at this point, especially to your office, would raise any issues of national security, protection of on-going investigations, or safety of informants.

If you desire to discuss this request, and any other requests your office may make of the F.B.I., I would be happy to talk to you about them.

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CC: [redacted]

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December 31, 1993

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RE: Elmer Pratt

Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to conversations we had at our meeting, I am sending you various documents. I would like to delineate what they are.

After the meeting, [REDACTED] of your office requested that I provide documentation to you with regard to F.B.I. access to Pratt's trial. At the meeting, I indicated to you that my memory was that an F.B.I. agent was, in fact, present during the trial. My review of the documents makes me believe that statement was not correct.

Rather, what occurred is that a member of the Los Angeles Criminal Conspiracy Section was present during the entire trial. Obviously, this was [REDACTED] or one of his associates.

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The F.B.I. records, which are enclosed with this letter as Exhibit A, make clear that the F.B.I. was, as previously noted in other F.B.I. and L.A.P.D. reports, in constant contact with the C.C.S. regarding the trial. A summary of the documents enclosed that the F.B.I.: (1) was aware of calls Pratt was making from jail during the trial; (2) was aware that, during the trial, an issue was whether or not Pratt had a beard during the time of the murder and knowledge of the evidence submitted on that issue; (3) had knowledge of the [REDACTED] (4) knew of the various persons who visited Pratt in jail, including his attorney; (5) was advised of the testimony of Kathleen Cleaver by the C.C.S. member who was assigned to the trial, and; (6) the F.B.I. files included newspaper articles regarding trial while it was in progress, as well as the first deliberation note from the jury.

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Given this documentation of detailed knowledge by the F.B.I. of witnesses and testimony during the trial (including whether or not Pratt wore a beard), it is a certainty that the F.B.I. was also aware of the [redacted] and the fact that he [redacted] for any law enforcement agency, including the F.B.I. It is impossible to believe that the F.B.I. would monitor the trial in the detail shown in Exhibit A, but not be aware of the testimony of the main prosecution witness.

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Second, the issue came as to what issues were, in fact, litigated during the habeas corpus writ in the Central District United States District Court. I indicated to you at the meeting that the issues we were allowed to raise were very narrowly drawn by the magistrate and we were not allowed to go into many issues. Issues that were not made subject matter of the writ of habeas corpus included the [redacted] either before or after the writing of [redacted]

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The enclosed orders and motions (Exhibit B) confirm my statements to you. The first three documents of Exhibit B are orders from the Court. The first is the original discovery order, which limits discovery to four issues: (1) the circumstances surrounding the discovery in search of a second suspect by L.A.P.D. and the F.B.I.; (2) the "liason" between the L.A.P.D. and the F.B.I. prior to, and during, petitioner's trial; (3) the role of Sergeant [redacted] in the above, and; (4) the alleged wiretap surveillance of the Black Panther Party by the L.A.P.D. and the F.B.I. The court did not allow discovery of any other issues.

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The second order is dated May 9, 1984. This order makes clear that the Court did not allow us to do much of the discovery that we requested (I am also enclosing our initial request for discovery which is referred to in the order).

Finally, I am enclosing the order of October 19, 1984. This order denied us the right to take further discovery as requested in August, 1984, and denied the defendant the right to obtain documents through subpoena duces tecum, as well as to take depositions. I am also enclosing a copy of the request referred in the Court's order, so you can be aware of what was not allowed. Please note that, in the request for an evidentiary hearing, the witnesses who were not allowed to be subpoenaed were [redacted]. Please note that the subpoenas requested against the F.B.I., L.A.P.D., and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office were denied also.

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What becomes clear from the orders and requests is that the Court did not allow discovery on most of the issues now pending before you. In particular, there was no discovery allowed regarding

[redacted] All of the documents we requested from either the F.B.I. or L.A.P.D. were not allowed to be subpoenaed. Hopefully, this will make clear the narrowness of the evidentiary hearing in the United States District Court. I am sure we will be able to discuss this when we meet again, which will be soon, I hope.

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# Centurion Ministries, Inc.

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*Surely, this one was innocent (Lk. 23:47)*

December 20, 1993

[redacted]  
Los Angeles District Attorney's Office  
849 S. Broadway, 11th floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90014

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Dear [redacted]

I have sent in a separate package to you a copy of the entire trial transcripts. I was surprised that your group didn't have them because I had assured either you, [redacted] in September that we would be happy to provide you with any part of the record that you didn't have.

During our several telephone conversations since August, I had understood and agreed with your position that it did not make much sense for us to get together until you folks felt prepared to do so. That is why [redacted] and I were surprised and disappointed that your group had not yet obtained and read the trial transcripts; had only read a small portion of the 740 page federal writ hearing (which I had sent to Mr. Mueller in June); and did not seem to recollect receiving the three declarations from the boyhood friends of [redacted] which I sent to you this past September 23). I was also hoping for and expecting more of a response to the many points I raised in my June 1993 memo other than a general dismissal of it by simply stating words to the effect that "we see nothing in your memo that would cause us to do anything more on this case other than explore the declarations from the two San Francisco private investigators about the 12/18/68 FBI wiretap records."

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I have also enclosed with this letter a copy of [redacted] pretrial interview notes with [redacted] and an updated copy of the list of exhibits that goes with my June 1993 memo. As I understand it, [redacted] will send you the evidentiary rules of the federal hearing and documentation that demonstrate that an FBI agent was in attendance at Pratt's trial. This latter provision is based on a telephone conversation between [redacted] subsequent to our December 13 meeting.

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We look forward to further discussing with you what your group's views are as you complete your examination of this case's record in the ensuing months.

I wish you and your family and those of [redacted] a happy holiday and good health.

Yours truly,

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p.s. I do appreciate the time [redacted] spent in taking me to review some of the trial exhibits and his investigation of the Sgt. [redacted] angle to this case.

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*Purely, this one was innocent (Lk 23:47)*

January 17, 1995

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Mr. Louis Freeh  
Director, FBI  
10th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Freeh:

Re: My June 16, 1994 letter to you requesting the FBI to locate  
1968 wiretap logs in the Geronimo Pratt matter.

In the above referenced letter I asked the FBI, if it would, to  
please locate the several hundred volumes of FBI wiretap logs  
developed daily between February 1968 and May 1972 from the [redacted]

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[redacted] Since I have not had a  
response to that letter from your staff I again urge the Bureau to  
undertake this task.

If the FBI searcher finds these volumes which I understand are very  
well organized in chronological order, I am told that all the  
searcher would have to do is go to the volume that contains  
[redacted] and see if Mr. Geronimo Pratt is identified as

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log. This could establish once and for all if Mr. Pratt was in the  
Oakland area when the murder for which he was convicted occurred in  
Santa Monica.

Should you decide to undertake this request and share the results  
with Mr. Garcetti and me, it would certainly clarify a 25 year old  
mystery. Thank you for whatever consideration the Bureau devotes to  
this petition.

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ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY; OO:HQ,

RE: TELCALLS OF SSA [REDACTED] CID, TO LA PLA [REDACTED]

DATED 2/15 AND 2/21/95.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO LA, THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (LADAO) WAS PERMITTED ACCESS TO CERTAIN FILES  
RELATED TO AN INQUIRY CONCERNING PRATT. PRATT AND HIS SUPPORTERS  
HAVE ALLEGED THAT THE FBI CONDUCTED ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF  
THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) IN 1968 AND THAT INFORMATION

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE/TICKLER COUNT:

THIS TELETYPE REQUESTS THAT LA LOCATE AND REVIEW FILES AND ELSUR RECORDS CONCERNING A COOPERATIVE SOURCE AND HIS CONSENSUAL MONITORING DURING THE PERIOD 11/14/68 THROUGH 12/16/68. THIS INFORMATION IS NECESSARY TO REFUTE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FBI CONDUCTED ELECTRONIC INTERCEPTS DURING 1968 WHICH WERE PERTINENT TO THE GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF ELMER "GERONIMO" PRATT. AG RENO HAS PLEDGED FBI COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER AND THIS MATTER WAS PREVIOUSLY COORDINATED WITH THE LDAO.

Drafted By: AS:as      Room/TL #: 5042      Phone No: 4294

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2/15/95

Director, FBI (62A-HQ-1073771)

SAC, San Francisco (62A-HQ-1073771)

ATTN: PLA [REDACTED]

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ELMER PRATT, AKA GERONIMO;  
INQUIRY OF GIL GARCETTI,  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY;  
OO: HQ

Enclosed for San Francisco (SF) are copies of serials from [REDACTED]. These serials were processed for release to the Los Angeles (LA) District Attorney's Office in the above-captioned matter.

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The Civil Discovery Review Unit was requested to process these serials by SSA [REDACTED] Violent Crimes Unit, to respond to a habeas corpus petition filed by Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt. Pratt, a former Black Panther, was convicted in the early 1970's for a double homicide.

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The enclosed copies of the serials from [REDACTED] were reviewed by the Document Classification Review Unit (DCU) without benefit of the originals from your office. DCU has requested that the copies be forwarded to SF so that the original serials can be marked to indicate the classification review conducted.

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Enclosure

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NOTE: The enclosed copies of serials from [REDACTED] are being forwarded to San Francisco to have the classification markings copied onto the original serials in file. Copies of serials 16-21, 24-31, 33, 39, 40, 50, 52, 53, 84 and a Not Recorded serial (date stamped 12/20/68) were processed for release in the above-captioned matter.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 10, 1995

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Dear [Redacted]

Your January 17, 1995 communication to Director Freeh has been referred to me for reply. I regret any inconvenience the delay in responding may have caused you.

I appreciate your concern for Mr. Pratt, and, as you are aware, this matter had been reviewed by the FBI on several previous occasions. Most recently, a similar request was referred to me by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. I am not at liberty to comment more specifically because of FBI and Department of Justice policy and statutory restrictions imposed by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

I assure you that the FBI is giving this matter full attention and that the results of this review will be shared with Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti.

Sincerely yours,

-S-  
Robert S. Conforti  
Section Chief  
Violent Crimes and Major  
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Criminal Investigative Division

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NOTE: Handling coordinated with [REDACTED] Office of Public and Congressional Affairs. [REDACTED] wrote Director Freeh requesting that the FBI search its files for exculpatory information related to a murder conviction of Elmer Pratt, aka Geronimo, at California. Pratt was a member of the Black Panther Party, Los Angeles Chapter, and his conviction has become a "cause celebre" in the Los Angeles area.

A similar request was handled by the Violent Crimes/Fugitive Unit (VC/FU) and the results reported to Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti through coordination with Department of Justice. The VC/FU review determined that no FBI

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 04/30/1996

To: Los Angeles  
San Francisco

Attn: LA  
Attn: SF

From: Robert S. Conforti  
Section Chief, VCMOS  
Contact: Andreas Stephens, Ext. 4192

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Approved By: Conforti Robert S. 

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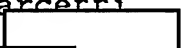
Title: ELMER PRATT, AKA; INQUIRY OF GIL GARCETTI, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY; OO: FBIHQ.


Synopsis: To provide Los Angeles and San Francisco with copies of draft declarations prepared by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (LADAO) in furtherance of the LADAO's response to Pratt's habeas corpus petition.

Enclosures: Enclosed for Los Angeles and San Francisco are LADAO drafts of declarations sought from FBI personnel involved in the reviews of FBI files concerning Elmer Pratt, et al.

Details: The Criminal Investigative Division has been engaged in a continuing dialogue with the LADAO, including document reviews, to assist the LADAO in responding to allegations that the FBI possesses relevant information concerning Pratt and has not made that information available to Pratt.

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In a letter dated 12/1/93, the Honorable Gil Garcetti, LADAO, requested that the Attorney General assist his office in responding to allegations that Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt was unjustly convicted and the victim of an FBI plot. Garcetti advised that his office received a document from the 

 which provided an analysis of Pratt's conviction and the conclusion that Pratt was unjustly convicted. Included in

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this report were two affidavits, signed [redacted]  
[redacted] which claimed that [redacted]

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[redacted] initial deposition stated that [redacted] observation occurred as a result of the civil discovery in Dellinger v. Mitchell, Civil No. 1768-69. Upon subsequent interview, [redacted] stated that this observation may have occurred as a result of reviews of civil discovery material in either the Black Panther Party, et al v. Levi, Civil No 76-2205; the San Quentin Six, Civil No 4094; or Socialist Workers Party v. Mitchell, et al, Civil No. 75-C-3295 and 73-CIV3160.

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The Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, CID, FBIHQ, directed a review of pertinent FBI files dealing with Elmer Pratt, in the FBI field offices at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Pocatello and FBIHQ. This review also included files reporting the results of previous inquiries into the Pratt matter, including those related to the 1980 Pratt Task Force report.

The Los Angeles and San Francisco field offices were requested to search their records for documentation of any visit(s) [redacted] to review FBI wiretap logs/transcripts. Subsequent reporting by Los Angeles and San Francisco disclosed only those visits to the San Francisco field office to review wiretap logs produced in Dellinger v. Mitchell.

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The FBI's coordination with the LADAO has been both cooperative and informal, and based on the best interests of law enforcement. The filing of the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by Pratt's Attorneys on or about 1/2/96, requires that further coordination with the LADAO be coordinated through the Office of General Counsel (OGC).

The LADAO has requested non-excised copies of FBI

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documents provided by the FBI and of those referred to in the petition and its exhibits. The LADAO has also requested a copy of the prior FBI in camera documents. In addition, the LADAO seeks declarations from the FBI personnel involved in the document reviews. Drafts of those declarations were provided to the OGC for coordination with pertinent FBI personnel.

Lead: Los Angeles and San Francisco are requested to review the attached draft declarations for factual accuracy and to identify the potential declarant. Thereafter advise FBIHQ, attention: UC [redacted] IT/GRCU, ext. 4192, or [redacted] [redacted] Civil Litigation Unit, OGC, ext. 4522.

CC: 2 - Los Angeles  
2 - San Francisco  
1 - Mr. Conforti (information)  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

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**BAY AREA DATELINES****Court calls prisoner's transfer not punitive**

**SAN FRANCISCO** State prison officials did not retaliate illegally against former Black Panther leader Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt by transferring him to a two-man cell shortly after he gave a television interview, a federal appeals court ruled Monday.

A federal judge ruled last year that the transfer from the maximum-security prison at Tehachapi to Mule Creek Prison near Lodi in Amador County appeared to be retaliation for the exercise of free speech by Pratt, serving a life sentence for a 1968 murder that he denies committing. U.S. District Judge Stanley Weigel ordered Pratt returned to a one-man cell, which he says he needs for medical reasons.

But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in an unusual ruling, said Weigel's factual findings were "clearly erroneous."

There was no evidence that state Corrections Director James Gomez or other officials had known of Pratt's interview when they ordered the transfer, Judge Cynthia Holcom Hall said in a 3-0 ruling. She said Pratt had been transferred to be near his family in Northern California and had been put in a double cell because the prison was overcrowded.

*Compiled from Examiner staff and wire reports*



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

March 4, 1996

[Redacted]  
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office  
849 S. Broadway, 11th Floor,  
Los Angeles, California 90014

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Re: In re Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, LASC No. A267020

Dear [Redacted]

This letter is a follow-up to your December 15, 1995 letter to Unit Chief [Redacted] (attached), and subsequent telephone conversations of December 22, 1995; February 6, 1996; February 13, 1996; March 1, 1996, and other dates, concerning Elmer Pratt.

This letter transmits documents responsive to your request of December 15, 1995, for access to and copies of FBI documents relevant to several aspects of Pratt's assertions, i.e., that the FBI possesses information of value to the Los Angeles District Attorney's review of his conviction.

The enclosed documents were processed pursuant to a memorandum from former Assistant to the Attorney General Richard Scruggs to the General Counsel, FBI, dated July 13, 1994. The documents consist of 146 pages, which contain redactions of classified material for dissemination to your office. In addition, excisions affecting these documents were made to protect personal privacy, confidential source information, and/or information which is protected by federal statutes. Copies of the codes explaining the excisions are included with the released documents.

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1 - Mr. Conforti

1 - [Redacted]  
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During the past year, we have made every effort to be responsive to your requests and have provided for the appropriate disclosure of information in our possession relevant to Pratt. I apologize for any delay in providing the enclosed documents, and I am aware of your discussions with [redacted] to clarify and document certain prior reported information.

I have reviewed the areas of interest set forth in your referenced letter, and am providing you with all information available to me at this time. Information which has not yet been collected and reviewed will be provided to you at the earliest possible date.

In referenced letter, you seek clarification and/or affirmation of information obtained through coordination with [redacted]. For the sake of convenience, that information will be detailed in the following narratives and referenced by the listing number in your letter.

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Re: # 1, 2, 10, and 12:

A review of FBI records at Los Angeles and San Francisco disclosed no information to support [redacted] assertion that [redacted] as a result of discovery orders issued in the following civil actions: Black Panther Party, et al. v. Levi, et al., Civil No. 76-2205; Socialist Workers Party v. Mitchell, et al., Civil No. 75-C-3295; or San Quentin Six, Civil No. 4094. No discovery orders were located for any of the aforementioned civil actions.

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As you were previously informed, FBI records reflect that [redacted] was authorized to view certain electronic surveillance logs located at the FBI's San Francisco Office, during May, 1975. FBI, San Francisco records reflect that [redacted] was authorized to view the FBI documents in response to a discovery order issued in David T. Dellinger v. Attorney General John N. Mitchell, et al., Civil No. 1768-69, USDC, District of Columbia.

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During November, 1974, FBI field offices were advised that pursuant to the Dellinger v. Mitchell suit, plaintiffs, described as the Chicago Eight and four organizations, including the Black Panther Party, sought evidence of illegal electronic intercepts. A U.S. District court order was issued on October 24, 1974, which modified an earlier order of February 26, 1974, and permitted limited access to electronic surveillance logs and tapes. An agreement was made to permit the plaintiff's Attorneys to review the material in the local FBI office.

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FBI San Francisco records reflect that [redacted] telephonically contacted the San Francisco office on March 17, 1975, and advised that [redacted] Attorney Charles Garry would visit the FBI on March 18, 1975, to review the Black Panther Party logs. At that time, [redacted] was advised that Garry was on the approved list for access to the disclosure material in Dellinger v. Mitchell but that [redacted] was further advised of the requirement to file an affidavit with the U.S. District Court. [redacted] advised that under those circumstances [redacted] Garry would appear on March 18, 1975, as [redacted] would be doing the actual review. [redacted] subsequently complied with directions for access and on April 16, 1975, FBIHQ advised FBI San Francisco that [redacted] had been approved for access to the FBI documents.

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This instance was the only occasion when [redacted] was authorized to view documents in an FBI office. FBI records further reflect that [redacted] Attorney Charles Garry, [redacted] visited the San Francisco office to view electronic surveillance logs on May 9, 1975. Follow-up visits were made by those individuals, primarily by [redacted] on May 14, 15, 19 and 25, 1975. On the May 9, 1975 visit [redacted] reviewed [redacted] logs for the period [redacted]

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An FBI San Francisco memorandum dated May 26, 1976, reported that on May 25, 1976, [redacted] telephonically contacted the FBI and requested an appointment for [redacted] on May 26, 1976, to review [redacted] Attorney Garry. [redacted] was informed that the [redacted] electronic surveillance did not commence until [redacted]. However [redacted] claimed that they had correspondence from the FBI stating that there were prior telephone taps and further claiming that the FBI had disclosed this to the Church committee. She was advised by the FBI, San Francisco, that it had no record of a wire tap prior to February, 1969.

Re #3:

As stated above, [redacted] [redacted] were granted access to documents in the FBI's San Francisco office, pursuant to an order for disclosure in the Dellinger v. Mitchell civil action. A review of FBI records at San Francisco disclosed that [redacted] was more active in this review than was [redacted] and that [redacted] made several visits to the San Francisco FBI office in furtherance of the review. [redacted] sent a letter to the attention of the FBI's San Francisco office, dated September 15, 1975, under the letterhead of Lipset Service Investigations, that appears to be

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an acknowledgement of this access and document reviews. He states in the letter, "Thank you for the courtesy and consideration shown to me over the last few months. I have reviewed the logs which carry your identification #157-1204, sub 2, San Francisco 3215 AR and AE 1,2,and 3, ...." His letter reflects acknowledgement of reviewing logs for the periods July 13, 1971 through October 9, 1971; November 16, 1970 through January 8, 1971; March 27, 1972 through April 30, 1972; and July 22, 1970 through October 17, 1970.

An internal FBI San Francisco memorandum dated September 17, 1975, identified the above files and certain additional files reviewed by [redacted] or that were made available to him for review. All of the identified files appear to relate to the period 1970 and 1971.

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Re: #4:

I have directed the FBI's San Francisco and Los Angeles offices to review their existing records to determine if [redacted] were permitted access to those offices for the purpose of reviewing FBI documents. The San Francisco office advised that its records reflected that [redacted] did not access the FBI office for any purpose other than that previously described for the Dellinger v. Mitchell civil discovery action. The Los Angeles Office advised that its records did not reflect any access or visits by [redacted]. A review of records of both FBI offices and those of FBIHQ failed to identify any discovery orders issued in Black Panther Party, et al. v. Levi, et al., Civil No. 76-2205; Socialist Workers Party v. Mitchell, et al., Civil No. 75-C-3295; or the San Quentin Six, Civil No. 4094, cases as suggested by [redacted].

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Re: #5:

As discussed with [redacted] on the telephone, [redacted] has been unable to determine if a connection exists between the subject of an FBI San Francisco technical surveillance, which was on-going during a portion of 1968 and 1969, and the [redacted] has represented to you that the subject of the technical surveillance identified as SF 3117-S\* (3/28/68) in the FBI documents at your disposal is not directed at the [redacted]. This technical surveillance was conducted in an unrelated investigation of a [redacted]. The reference to Steward Albert does not appear to be an overhear of Albert, but rather a reference to him by one of the individuals overheard in

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the technical surveillance. Preliminary indications suggest that the subject of the 3117-S\* technical surveillance may have been a party to the Dellinger v. Mitchell civil action; however this has not been confirmed. In addition to Dellinger and the "Chicago 8", plaintiffs included the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Congress of Racial Equality, the Southern Conference Educational Fund, the American Servicemen's Union, the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, the New York Resistance, the Catholic Peace Fellowship and the War Resisters League.

We have reviewed the SF 3117-S\* transcripts containing references to Albert, as well as the single overhear which occurred on [redacted]. There is no information related [redacted] contained in those transcripts. I will continue efforts to locate any records which may assist to determine if the subject of SF 3117-S\* was a plaintiff in the Dellinger civil action, or a plaintiff in another civil action or Freedom of Information/Privacy Act request.

Re: #6:

The FBI's Los Angeles Division has determined that there are no supporting records, i.e. telephone toll/billing records, located in its files regarding a June 6, 1969, memorandum to SAC, Los Angeles. This memorandum reported information received by the FBI of telephone toll record information for the [redacted]

The Los Angeles FBI files contain no supporting telephone billing records that may form a basis for or that could clarify this reporting.

Re: # 7:

I have directed that a review be conducted of the FBI's files at FBIHQ and Los Angeles regarding the reporting of an FBI source that was discussed in your interview of former Special Agent [redacted]. This review failed to disclose any reference to [redacted] relating to a letter given by [redacted]. It is possible that former SA [redacted] placed this information into another file. However procedures then in place would have directed that he place information provided by the informant in the informant's file.

[redacted] has observed an FBI FD-302 document, dated [redacted] reflecting an interview of [redacted] by the FBI on [redacted]. In this interview, [redacted] is

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reported to have stated "...that he has written a letter containing information relating to the involvement of BPP members in an affair that could 'put them in the gas chamber.'... He added that the letter was given to a friend." Our files indicate that the FBI first interviewed [redacted] on this date. It should be noted that [redacted] and its attached notes indicate that [redacted] recalled that he received the letter from [redacted]. Other information alleged that the physical transfer of the letter from [redacted] to [redacted]

Re: #8:

Regarding the Dellinger V. Mitchell civil action, I have included in the enclosures to this letter copies of the plaintiff's initial civil action and the U.S. Government's response, as well as several court orders issued in the civil action. Please note that the government contested several of the plaintiff's pleadings and that there was a prolonged period of litigation wherein court orders, injunctions and other relief were provided to both sides.

Re: #11:

I have been advised that you telephonically interviewed SA [redacted] on or about January 2, 1996.

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Re: #13:

We have previously reviewed a portion of the transcripts produced from FBI technical surveillances against the [redacted]

SF 157-1204, technical surveillance SF 3215-R\*, at [redacted]

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will advise you if he observes any which appear similar to that reported by [redacted]

Mr. Andrew J. McMullen

A review of FBIHQ electronic surveillance records (ELSUR) index for the name [redacted] disclosed an intercept dated [redacted] (SF-3215 R). Those index records do not reflect any intercepts of [redacted] prior to that date. Please be advised that this review is based on index records in the FBI's files. This review does not preclude the possibility that [redacted] may have been intercepted at an earlier time in 1969, but that she was not specifically identified in our records.

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I have directed the Los Angeles and San Francisco FBI Offices to continue their reviews of pertinent records and to provide FBIHQ with the results. I will provide those results to your office as soon as possible. Additionally, during the past few months [redacted] responded to several inquiries related to this matter from the Office of U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. I have been informed by [redacted] that Senator Leahy sent a copy of his correspondence to Director Freeh and to Mr. Garcetti's office. [redacted] has discussed those issues with you and informed you that a separate response will be made to Senator Leahy by the FBI's Office of Public and Congressional Affairs, concerning only those issues raised in his correspondence to Director Freeh.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Unit Chief [redacted] at (202) 324 - 4192.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Conforti  
Section Chief  
Violent Crimes and  
Major Offenders Section  
Criminal Investigative Division

Note: On 12/1/93, Los Angeles District Attorney (LADA) Garcetti wrote a letter to AG Reno requesting that she assist the LADA in determining if the FBI has in its possession any information which will impact on a habeas corpus petition from Elmer Pratt, an incarcerated California prisoner and "cause celebre." This request was reviewed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and forwarded to the Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), FBI, on 2/1/94.

The Criminal Investigative Division, in coordination with other FBIHQ entities, as well as the FBI's Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions, conducted a review of pertinent FBI files dealing with Elmer Pratt. This review also included files reporting the results of previous inquiries into this matter, including those related to the 1980 Pratt Task Force report.

This letter transmits excised FBI documents to the LADA, which were identified in the reviews conducted at FBIHQ, FBI Los Angeles and FBI San Francisco. These documents were declassified and excised by the Civil Discovery Review Unit (CRDU), Office of the General Counsel (OGC), and provided in a form suitable for dissemination to the LADA. The responses in this letter, and the excised enclosures, were coordinated with the Office of General Counsel on 3/1/96.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
BUREAU OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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December 15, 1995

Acting Unit Chief  
[redacted]

Violent Crimes/Fugitive Unit CID  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear [redacted]

In anticipation of talking to you on Monday, December 18, 1995, I am sending you this letter in the hopes that it will facilitate a better mutual understanding of what is outstanding. What follows is a list of requests we had for you. Also included in some instances are verbal responses to some of those requests that we understand will be reduced to writing by you.

1. You have advised us that neither [redacted] or [redacted] have made discovery requests regarding any electronic surveillance in the San Quentin Six or Levi cases.

2. You have indicated that you will provide us with an internal FBI memorandum that memorialized a telephone conversation with [redacted] that occurred on May 26, 1976. During the telephone conversation [redacted] requested to see electronic surveillance records of Oakland, Black Panther Headquarters commencing April 1968. [redacted] was advised that no such records existed.

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3. You have indicated that you will provide us with a letter dated September 15, 1975, from [redacted] thanking the FBI for their cooperation regarding the discovery of surveillance materials from July 20, 1970 to 1971 associated with the Dellinger v. Mitchell case. In addition we have noticed that the dates mentioned in the [redacted] letter are different from the dates, June 1, 1971 through July 19, 1971, mentioned in a memorandum from Conforti to Scruggs. May we have the difference in the dates clarified?

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4. You have advised us that there is no record to indicate that [redacted] was ever in the Los Angeles FBI office looking at electronic surveillance records.

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5. You are trying to determine whether we can independently examine records that would establish the identity of the source of a technical surveillance in the San Francisco Bay area that was mentioned in an FBI memorandum that we have had prior conversations about.

6. You have advised us that there are no actual phone records in existence that would provide the basis for an FBI memorandum we observed that summarized long distance telephone calls made from the [redacted]  
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7. You have indicated that you will provide us with a redacted copy of an FBI memorandum which indicates that the FBI became aware of the [redacted] letter exchange between [redacted] from an informant.

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8. You have said that you will provide us with a copy of the discovery order in the Dellinger v. Mitchell case.

9. You have advised us that you have contacted the retired FBI agents that worked on the [redacted] and they have indicated that they received the information contained in that file verbally from the Oakland Police Department.

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10. You have advised us that there was no electronic surveillance discovery in the Socialist Worker's Party v. Mitchell case.

11. Can you put us in contact, in person if reasonably close to the Los Angeles area or by telephone if not, with retired FBI Agent [redacted] for the limited purpose of asking him about a telephone conversation he allegedly had that was overheard by retired FBI Agent [redacted]

12. Was the Dellinger v. Mitchell case the only case that [redacted] were involved in with respect to the examination of electronic surveillance records in the San Francisco FBI office?

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13. With regard to the records that [redacted] and [redacted] examined pursuant to the discovery order in the Dellinger v. Mitchell case are there any references to [redacted] making a telephone call to Oakland from Los Angeles, and/or any references to Pratt receiving a telephone call while in Oakland?

I look forward to talking to you on Monday, December 18, 1995. Thanks again for all of the cooperation that you have extended to us regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

GIL GARCETTI  
District Attorney of  
Los Angeles County

By

  
Deputy District Attorney  
Habeas Corpus Litigation

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ON 2/15/95, STAFF PERSONNEL FROM SENATOR LEAHY'S OFFICE  
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DOCUMENTS, REDACTED AND POSSIBLY RELEASED IN PRIOR DISCLOSURES,  
WERE PROVIDED TO SENATOR LEAHY BY THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WERE USED TO INDICATE THAT THE FBI DID CONDUCT  
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ONE OF THE FBI DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] RELATES TO  
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SUBSEQUENT TO YOUR TELETYPE PROVIDE FBIHQ WITH COPIES OF  
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